

AGRI NEWS

Growing that southern treat, Collards, is an art mastered well locally by Bernest Brooks

by Bernie Cobb
Gardening Columnist

Among vintage Old South families, fresh collard greens are about as necessary for rounding out a good home-cooked meal as the salt and pepper used to season it. And, since collards can withstand some cold as well as some hot weather, collards are a natural for the home garden here in the south.

Collards are fairly easy to grow. They can stand up to a little drought pretty well, but you must be prepared to do mortal combat with some insects. The good news is that you don't have to worry too much about diseases wiping out your crop like blight in tomatoes.

I learned earlier this year during an interview with him that two-term Coffee County Commissioner Bernest Brooks grows about the best looking collards I have ever seen. Now, please don't load me down with a bunch of letters. I admit I haven't seen all the collard patches in Coffee County. There are a lot of good gardeners around here.

When I first saw the commissioner in his garden early this spring, he was wrapping some fresh bundles of collards to put out on his small roadside produce stand.

"That little stand is really just a social outlet for me and my wife, Beatrice," he told me. "I put a few vegetables out and a lot of our friends stop by and spend time talking with us. They also buy a few vegetables to take home. We always enjoy their visits."

Brooks has a new crop of collards started now on an acre of land next to his home on Ouida Street in Enterprise.

"I plant my collard seed about the end of August," he told me. "It's starting to get a little cooler then and the hot sun won't kill the baby plants."

"The first thing I do," the retired school teacher continued, for the benefit of beginning gardeners, "is to put out about 200 pounds of triple 17 fertilizer, then cut it into the ground."

Brooks uses Cabbage Collards (Morris Heading), but you can also buy Vates, Georgia Cabbage, and



BERNEST BROOKS shows the tools he uses in his gardening and growing of superb vegetables (including collards). The retired teacher makes his work easier with a motorized weeder (far left); seed and fertilizer spreader (front left) automatic seeder (front right); and rear-tine heavy-duty tiller (back center). He also has a farm tractor for the really heavy-duty work.

Blue Stem from some of the local garden outlets right now. It's a little late for planting seed, but next time around you can buy Green Glaze, Georgia Southern and Morris Harding seed locally. Also recommended for this area by the Extension System are Champion collards.

"About all you need to do, once you've planted your collards," Brooks explained, "is to make sure they are watered and cultivated good between the rows to keep the weeds down. I don't worry too much about diseases in the ground around here."

"When and how do you harvest collards," I asked. With a twinkle in his eye, Brooks revealed an old family secret I've heard it before, so it's probably good advice.

"My folks never harvested collards 'till after the first frost," he said. "Some folks even used to put their collards in the refrigerator for a while if they harvested before frost."

"When the bottom leaves start getting big enough to use, just break off some for your meal. The stalk will keep on growing and producing more leaves to use later. But, for commercial use, he pointed out,

"they just pull the whole stalk and sell it that way."

So, how should the successful beginner harvest his or her collard crop?

"Well," the politico/gardener advised, "just go out and break off a mess of fresh, tender leaves when they're ready. Eat some yourself. Then, share the rest with your neighbors."

Food stamps are available for those with flood losses

Coffee County food stamp recipients who lost food due to flooding, power failures, or other problems caused by Hurricane Georges may apply for replacement food stamp benefits.

Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources (DHR) Supervisor Debbie Jones said that to apply, recipients must go to the DHR office at 3881 Salem Rd., Enterprise, no later than Oct. 16. Applicants must fill out an affidavit regarding their losses and provide proof of loss.

Mrs. Coles class gives 4-H club meeting report

First Miss Hughes came in and said hello. Then she gave a card to put our names on.

After that we picked our projects, we elected officers.

Jeremy Sanders is the president. Megan is vice president. Kenna Roberts is secretary, reporter is Chris Leger. Song leaders are Nicole Brown and Corey Wheeler.

Then she told us the event we can participate in. We talked about each one. Then each officer was told what they were supposed to do.

After that Mrs. Hughes gave Jeremy Sanders his 4-H T-shirt. Then she said goodbye and left.

Kenna Roberts, Jeremy Sanders

Zion Chapel 4-H Club reports on meetings in September and October

September
At our first meeting Heather Sanders was nominated president. Ashley Barnett was nominated vice president. Rosanna Johnson has been nominated secretary. Jacque was nominated reporter. Justin Culver and Byron McWaters were nominated song leaders. We filled out our enrollment cards, and we have picked our activities. This year we have gotten a new 4-H book, and we went over and talked about our September paper. It has been a great club meeting on Sept. 10.
Written by
Rosanna Johnson

October
Mrs. Angela Hughes picked up our farm-city posters. We sang our songs, led by Justin Culver and Byron McWaters. Ashley led us in the pledges. Rosanna Johnson called roll. There were 26 people present. Mrs. Hughes passed out and talked about our October activities. Ashley Barnett announced the program for the day, which was how to make a record book. Then Heather adjourned the meeting.
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PRESENT STORM DAMAGE ESTIMATE AT \$400,000.00

Commission awards bids and hears road problem

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The majority of the Coffee County Commission's meeting Monday morning centered around awarding and opening bids. Commissioners also reviewed briefings from Marty Lentz, assistant county engineer, and Charles Webb, director of Coffee County Emergency management Agency.

Upon Lentz's recommendation, low bids on herbicides were awarded as follows: Round-Up Pro @ \$37

per gallon, MSMA @ \$14.50 per gallon, and Oust @ \$165.40 per pound to Dixie Ag of Selma; Garlon 3A @ \$60.80 per gallon and Rodeo @ \$92.30 per gallon to Helena Chemical of Dothan; and 2,4-D @ \$10.09 per gallon to Terra International of Dothan. The bid for furnishing traffic signs went to Vulcan Sign & Stamping Company of Foley, AL. Their total bid was \$9,871.97.

Bids (four bids) for repairing or replacing the air conditioning units

in the County Complex were opened and tabled for review by the county maintenance supervisor and County Administrator Wilson Mobley. The bid will be awarded at the next commission meeting.

The two bids on steel pipe were tabled for review by the county engineer. It will also be awarded at the next commission meeting. The bids from Harvey Culvert of Oneonta and Choctaw, Inc. of Montgomery were close at \$122,287.19 and \$122,905.07 respectively.

In the way of new business, Kinston Mayor Bill Mullins addressed the commission concerning funding for the Senior Citizens Center in Kinston.

He told commissioners that at the present time, the group is meeting in a large room located in City Hall. At times, he explained, scheduling of meetings causes conflicts in the use of this "multi-use room."

"We are trying to add on the back of City Hall to provide the senior citizens with a room they can lock up without having to move all their materials out," said Mullins. "We'd like to ask the county commissioners for \$2,500 to help us with this."

The motion was made and approved unanimously that this request be granted.

The commissioners' attention was then directed toward roads. Wayne Barnes, a resident on Co. Rd. 464, addressed the commission about the condition of this road.

This is a dirt road that runs north from the Kinston city limits connecting with Co. Rd. 452, a paved road.

"On 9/2/98 Mr. Marty [Lentz] came down; he looked at part of this problem," said Barnes. "The word was that we would hear something in about a week. It was 10/9/98 when we heard from him again after we had requested this meeting."

Assistant Engineer Lentz apologized to both Mr. Barnes and members of the commission for not contacting him sooner and informing him of the status of his request. On September 17, a work order was written up by the county engineer to address the problems on Co. Rd. 464; however, heavy rains brought about by Hurricane Georges caused the work to be delayed.

"Gentlemen, this road is a traffic hazard," said Barnes. He then showed commissioners pictures of the problem that he was referring to.

Before Mr. Barnes left the meeting, members of the commission assured him that the work order to repair the road would be carried out.

At the beginning of the general business session of the meeting,

Assistant Engineer Lentz gave commissioners a brief overview of the damages caused to county roads by the recent storm.

Lentz noted that as soon as it was evident that the county would feel the affects of Hurricane Georges, men and equipment were disbursed to six work areas of the county.

He told commissioners that from September 28 until September 30, rainfall in the county ranged from 8 inches in the eastern portion of the county to 16 inches in the western portion. "Our roads held up remarkably well considering the amount of rainfall," he said. "Most of the problems were on dirt roads - in a few of the areas (low places) the roadway was washed away."

The engineer reported that 18 county roads were closed due to washouts or water being over the roadway, with most of them being in the western and southern portions of the county. He stated that all but one county road was reopened to traffic by Friday, October 5.

Finally, Lentz reported that DSR's (Damage Survey Reports) are in the process of being written on the storm damage sites.

EMA Director Webb also gave a brief update to the commissioners on the damage suffered by Coffee County. He stated, "We were very fortunate in that in the final analysis we did not have much damage to homes and small businesses."

Only two homes in the county received damage as a direct result of the storm. He noted that, according to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) officials, as of this date only 30 individual

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UNTIL PROPERTY TAXES BEGIN FLOWINGS

Elba City School Board approves \$75,000 temporary loan for general fund useage

By Ferrin Cox
publisher

The Elba City School Board approved a request from Superintendent Charles Pearce for a temporary bank loan of \$75,000 to meet the monthly bills of the school system. Pearce noted the board approved a \$50,000 loan a year ago, but the schools never had to actually borrow the money. However, he said it would definitely be needed this time.

A prepared report on the cash flow shortage was passed out to board members before they voted. It

showed projected income of \$42,000 from county and city sales taxes in the next few days; plus \$126,000 due for Capital Improvements during the 1998-99 school year.

Pearce explained that the 8.5% pay raise passed by the Alabama Legislature had to be paid immediately, even though the state funds for this raise would not begin until the October 27-30 state check. This raise cost the local board \$23,375.00.

The superintendent noted this type legislative mandate was good reason to support the upcoming constitutional amendment #7, which forbids most legislative funding mandates unless the money to fund the action is also provided.

The board adopted a policy on extracurricular activity participation. The "No Pass - No Play" policy requires a 70 average to participate in athletics, cheerleading, band, and other school activities which include district and statewide competitions. The policy is the state school board approved policy and applies to all Alabama public schools.

Board members were updated on the status of ongoing construction projects at the school. The main project is the erosion project which was already underway before the recent heavy rains. Pearce said bids were already being sought, but a declaration of emergency was necessary because of the additional damage.

He said the original engineering estimates of \$250,000 would now increase by at least a third. FEMA originally only paid \$26,000 on this project but will revisit the school campus and additional funding is expected from the federal government. Governor James has also promised additional help, according

to the superintendent. The project will include removing and replacing 2.5 million cubic yards of dirt.

Pearce said that with the additional federal help and the help promised by Governor James, the school should be able to complete the other improvement projects on about the same schedule as before the erosion damage was discovered. He said that the school is repairing the metal on the school buildings and paving the parking lot at the elementary school.

NOTICE

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR VOTER REGISTRATION!

Any resident of Coffee County who is eligible to vote and has not registered, must do so before the Oct. 23 deadline. The Coffee County Board of Registrars will take registration forms until the close of business on that day.

Under Alabama state law, voter registration must be cut off 10 days prior to an election. Voters may register at the Elba courthouse, the Enterprise courthouse (the old post office), the Enterprise Public Library or the Board of Registrars' office in New Brockton.

If a registered voter has been placed on the inactive list, he/she needs to update his/her registration before the cut-off date. Because of a new state law passed in 1997, inactive voters cannot vote at the polls on election day until they fill out an update form. Anyone having questions may call the Board of Registrars at 894-5347.

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AREA LITTLE MISSES attended the parent orientation and tea recently, in preparation for the Little Miss National Peanut Festival. The pageant will take place Oct. 17, at 6 p.m. at the Dothan Civic Center. Little Miss area queens pictured are (l-r): Little Miss - Zion Chapel - Kirsten Karol Collins; New Brockton - Erika Elizabeth Epling; Coffee County - Stephanie Brooke Forehand; Enterprise - Brooke Ayres Dunaway; Elba - Cortlin Megan Lee.

Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL Area high school football games scheduled for Friday are as follows: Elba is at home against Clayton; Zion Chapel is visited by Florida; Brantley travels to Highland Home; and Kinston plays host to cross-county rival New Brockton. All games, unless otherwise noted, start at 7:30 p.m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING. The Elba Chamber of Commerce will have "Business After Hours" Thursday (TODAY), October 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at The Briar Patch.

CLASS OF 1988. The members of the EHS Class of 1988 are asked to meet at the Ranch House Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Thursday (TONIGHT), October 15 to pick up their t-shirts.

PICNIC & POLITICAL FORUM. The Association of Coffee County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet Tuesday, October 20, at 11:00 a.m. in the park located north of Enterprise just off AL Hwy. 167. The program will consist of a picnic followed by a political forum of candidates running for local offices and local educators.

HOMECOMING PARADE. Elba High School's Homecoming Parade will be Friday, October 16, at 3:00 p.m. from the old high school location (Miller Memorial Stadium) in downtown Elba.

FLU VACCINATION. The Coffee County health Department will have flu vaccine available on October 23 through 30. Hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Medicare cards should be brought for presentation. For individuals not on Medicare, the cost will

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

It was great to see a fire hose spraying into the storm drains on Martin L. King Drive this week. City workers, with the help of volunteer firemen, are steadily working their way around town clearing obstructions in the very old Elba storm drain system. There are still more places which need work, but we are assured there is a positive plan to improve these situations as much as possible.

Politics are heating up in Alabama. After a period when we were beginning to wonder if Alabama voters would ever get into the swing of things, p/eone calls and letters are beginning to pour into our office from interested citizens. Many are asking for information about a particular candidate, but others are like yours truly and are not exactly sure which candidate is running for what office. If you are interested, those so called unbiased polls are indicating the governor's race is awful close. The same is true for several other races, including the battle for the Attorney General seat which has Elba's Terry Butts challenging the incumbent Bill Pryor. Already it is clear that our ballot will look like a checker board, as first a Republican is marked and then a Democrat, or maybe it will be the other way around. Don't worry, there are still two weeks to make that final decision - BUT OUR BALLOT WILL BE CAST!!

An interesting letter arrived this week from a long time reader in Montgomery, Mr. Fontell Wise sent in a copy of an article on former Elba football coach, Gerry House. Look for that report in coming issues. House coached at both Elba and Kinston. He was in Elba during the 2nd World War and is now in his 90's, but still kicking high. House married an Elba girl, Nell Gardner Clark, and took her with him when he moved on from Coffee County. The folks at Ridgecrest Baptist Church kinda like Coach House, judging by their kind words about him.

The recent problems in Dothan and the public outcry over not being aware of a rash of rapes points out something we strongly support... and not just because of our position at the newspaper. One victim said knowledge of the problems would have made her more careful and probably would have prevented her from being another victim. Being informed of what is happening is important in her situation, it is important in bad weather situations (boy, Elba folks can relate to that) and it is important just for the peace of mind of the citizens of any community.

Reports are filtering in from area farmers and the news in the aftermath of Hurricane Georges is not real good. While the cotton and peanut crops were not completely destroyed, the quality and the yields have been greatly reduced from the storm and accompanying heavy rains. Watching these folks battle the elements year in and year out makes one wonder WHY? Thank goodness they continue the fight, because a lot of folks would get bad hungry if they all decided to give up what appears to be a hopeless battle.

In Washington the battle over a federal budget continues, as usual. Even though the country is in a new fiscal year, there is still no budget for this year. The experts doubt there will be the same type standoff of a couple of years ago which sent workers home and closed federal offices. The Republicans caught the flak for that one, and neither side wants to be the bad guy this close to election time.

HOMECOMING PARADE ROUTE

October 16, 1998 @ 3:00 p.m.

The floats and marching units of the parade will line up at the old football stadium and high school parking lot. The parade will then proceed along the following route: Dixon Street to the Troy Highway; then south on the Troy Highway by Cook Chevrolet to Claxton Avenue; south on Claxton Avenue by Hardee's and The People Bank; left on Buford Street to Court Street; right on Court Street by Tiger Videos (old Martin's building) to Davis Street; left on Davis Street by Ace Hardware to Factory Avenue; left on Factory Avenue by Mutual Savings and City hall to Collier Street; left on Collier street by SouthTrust Bank to Carney Avenue; right on carney Avenue to Newton Street; right on Newton Street and back to the staging area.

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NATURAL GAS WEEK... Mayor James E. Grimes (seated) proclaimed last week, October 5 through October 9, 1998, as Natural Gas Week in Elba, AL. Pictured with Mayor Grimes is Buddy Manning (right), representing Southeast Alabama Gas, and Councilman Wayne Sharpness (left). Sharpness represents Elba Gas, which is one of the 15 member towns and cities in southeast Alabama that make up the public-owned natural gas system known as The Southeast Alabama Gas District. In the proclamation, Mayor Grimes noted that the "progress of this entire area is greatly influenced by The Southeast Alabama Gas District, making affordable energy available for homes and industries."

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of October 6, 1998, through October 12, 1998. They were: Louise Jernigan, Milton Hooks, Donnie Snow, Rebecca Carpenter, Newton King, Shannon Hammonds, Jane Goodson, Sandra Gully, Ronnell Copes, Gary Payne, Sammie Hurbes, Lois Edgar, Fred Cox, Mary Nell James, Robert Cannon, Shirley Hudson, Herzie Faulkner, and Dannelte Hall.

Elba Police Report

October 5 thru October 11

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 5, 1998, investigated the following incidents: two thefts of property, two criminal mischiefs, one drug overdose, one harassment, one unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, two DUI's, one resisting arrest, one menacing, one VPL, one tag, one attempting to elude, and one attempted suicide.

Arrests made during the week were: one for resisting arrest and one for VPL.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for an expired tag, four for speeding, one for failing to stop for a school bus, one for reckless driving, two for DUI, one for no tag, and one for attempting to elude.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 - River stage - 9.77 feet (6:25 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (9:13 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 - River stage - 7.94 feet (6:19 a.m.); Alarm at Windham Lumber Company (5:23 p.m.); Disturbance at Elba Villas (6:30 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 - River stage - 6.77 feet (6:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (3:05 p.m.); Alarm at Kelly's Bar-B-Que (11:12 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 - River stage - 9.51 feet (6:03 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 - River stage - 7.98 feet (6:57 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (10:57 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (1:05 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (10:05 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Morrow Village (11:58 p.m.).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 - River stage - 7.06 feet (6:38 a.m.); Minor wreck at Mr. Henry's (10:38 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Troy Highway (8:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on U. S. Hwy. 84W in the Curtis Community (9:27 p.m.); Alarm at Kelly's Bar-B-Que (10:50 p.m.); Alarm at Kelly's Bar-B-Que (11:35 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 - Alarm at a residence on Claxton Avenue (12:31 a.m.); Elba Rescue dispatched to a residence on Smith Avenue (12:35 a.m.); River stage - 6.15 feet (6:14 a.m.); Disturbance reported at the Elba Dairy Queen (4:24 p.m.); Burglary reported on Moore Avenue (6:23 p.m.).

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• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Mondays - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.

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Elba Police spoil burglary

According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn, Elba police officers responded to a burglary in progress on Tuesday, September 22, 1998, at a residence located on AL Hwy. 166 just outside the Elba City Limits but inside the police jurisdiction.

Responding police discovered that a mobile home had been broken into and arriving officers had forced the two suspects to flee on foot leaving their vehicle behind.

Inv. Senn said that due to a neighborhood crime watch program recently established in the area, citizens had gotten involved and had alerted police to the crime.

Shortly after their arrival on the scene, officers called for assistance from the department's K-9 officer and his partner to come in and assist in tracking the two suspects.

The search lasted several hours into the night and was called off for the night after the K-9 units lost the track of the suspects.

On Wednesday morning (Sept. 23), one of the burglary suspects was spotted in a vehicle traveling through Elba. The vehicle was stopped by Elba Police Chief R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth and the suspect was detained and brought in for questioning.

Inv. Senn said that further investigation during the day revealed that the suspect, Alan Lee Gilkerson, 28, formerly of Milton, FL, resided at Route 2, Elba. After questioning, Gilkerson was charged with burglary in the third degree and placed in the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton, AL.

Inv. Senn stated that the investigation is ongoing and police are still looking for the second suspect in connection with the crime. The only description police have on the suspect is that he is a white male with dark shoulder-length hair, mustache and beard, and was last seen wearing dirty clothes.

Anyone having any information related to this crime should call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or Crimestoppers at 897-3881.

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Letters To The Editor

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Dear Editor,

These nurses are found in hospitals, helicopters, ambulances, during disasters, doing research, in clinics, schools, airplanes, industry, the military, and on the side of the road when a need arises. Like angels, they can be anywhere.

An Emergency Nurse is there when a best friend isn't. The E.D. nurse is often the one who calls your best friend to let that person know where you are. Even better, this nurse is highly skilled in providing complex therapies for any number of ills.

This nurse will calm your child, console your husband, comfort your grandparent, take your temperature, start your IV, give you medicines, dress your wounds, read your EKG, talk on the two-way radio, put splints on your fracture, and defibrillate your heart.

No, it's not like TV's "ER" every day, but it can get that way. Like other emergency providers, ED nurses live on the adrenalin-edge of disaster. And they love it there. What looks like bedlam is actually the controlled chaos generated by the well-oiled team of nurses and doctors, working together to save life and limb. They take over where the paramedics leave off.

There are more than 75,000 Emergency Nurses in the United States. Hospital Emergency Departments number more than 4500.

If you are an Emergency Nurse, give yourself a big pat on the back. Then turn and give one to your colleagues. If you are not an Emergency Nurse, you are missing out on a great job. But you can still go ahead and give them one!

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THE LOTTERY IS GAMBLING by Dan Ireland
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To have a state-operated lottery is to put Alabama in the gambling business and a move toward widespread gambling with all its attendant problems.

Consider what Dr. Robert Goodman, director of the United States Gambling Research Institute and author of *The Luck Business*, says.

"(Government leaders are)... undermining their already precarious credibility with their constituents. They are encouraging a public perception that government can do little to support a healthier economic climate... and that the best they can do is to provide enormous windfalls for gambling companies."

As well noted by now, Alabama has carried on a lengthy dialogue about the lottery, and it is quite noticeable how the lottery is cloaked under legitimate causes such as aid for education, environment, or the elderly. By removing the cloak, though, it becomes apparent that gambling interests are the soul of these "economic" aspirations.

While politicians scramble for justification of a lottery, Alabama's constitution remains unchanged. "The legislature shall have no power to authorize lotteries or gift enterprises for any purpose, and shall pass laws to prohibit the sale of any such lottery."

Some politicians disregard our constitution because the financial security of Alabama is at stake, but a leading economic magazine says the lottery is no way to fund that security. Money magazine has concluded that the average state keeps only one-third of the total proceeds from lotteries, and only a fraction of most state budgets comes from legalized gambling. At the same time, state lotteries seem to induce state tax hikes. Since 1990, per-capita taxes in states with lotteries have risen more than three times as fast as in non-lottery states.

But let's suppose Alabama makes \$150 million from a state-run lottery - the estimate of one politician. To achieve that revenue would require ticket sales in the amount of nearly \$450 million each year. That \$450 million of income drained from the community to buy tickets would not produce sales-tax revenue, thus penalizing education funds for K-12.

The chances of a state-run lottery dramatically changing education seem slim. But if you want to talk about slim, look at the chances of actually winning a lottery. According to the *Heartland Policy Study*, the odds of seeing a no-hitter in baseball is one in 1,347; being struck by lightning, one in 1.9 million; winning the recent Powerball lottery jackpot, one in 80 million.

The chances that Alabama would greatly benefit from an "education" lottery are minuscule, at best. But the chances that a lottery would harm the citizens of the state are conservatively tremendous.

We have talked about modeling our lottery after Georgia's lottery. If we're going to compare the good, we must also compare the bad. According to the Georgia Dept. of Human Resources, at least 8,400 adolescents are addicted to gambling, with almost 40,000 other adolescents at risk of becoming problem gamblers. The DHR also estimates that 2.3 percent of Georgia's adult population could be classified as problem gamblers - a cost to the Peach State of \$244 million a year.

With the clear evidence that legalized gambling negatively impacts our young, there are other demographic groups the lottery will surely dismantle. In *The Luck Business*, Dr. Goodman says, "State gambling revenues come disproportionately from lower income residents."

The poor view lotteries as a chance - albeit a 1 in 80 million chance - to escape. For example, the *Washington Post* reported that in Maryland, lottery sales are highest in the state's poorest county, while the richest county has the lowest per-capita sales.

A story in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* said, "Georgia's College Scholarship program is dependent on the losses of the poor to provide scholarships for middle class and well-to-do students."

The gambling career that once gripped America is declining. Many of the forms of gambling have peaked, leaving a trail of economic devastation, destruction in families and increases in suicide. Gambling also has enslaved our youth to a false sense of security and taken from them the work ethic that made America a world leader.

In contrast, the pure nature of gambling destroys, enslaves and multiplies misery, weakening the entire social fabric that made our nation strong.

Alabama is far too smart to be lured into the trap that gambling offers.

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AREA DEATHS

LUCILLE ALLEN

Mrs. Lucille Allen, age 78, of Rt. 2, Brundidge, (Rocton Community), died Oct. 2, 1998, at Jackson Hospital in Montgomery.

Funeral services were held Oct. 4, 1998, at 4 p.m. from Rocton Baptist Church, with Rev. Harold Peters and Rev. Joe Underwood officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery in Rocton, with Dillard-Jackson Bryan Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Seth Allen, Rocton; children: Ray (Sara) Grant, Steve (Melinda) Allen, all of Troy; Carol Ann (Freddie) Avant, Brundidge; Lewie (Jeanette) Allen, Ozark; Royce (Carolyn) Allen, Rocton; Faye (Stephen) Flammens, Panama City, Fla.; sister: Ola Mae Allen, New Hope Community; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

RUSSELL CASH SR.
Mr. Russell Cash Sr., age 71, of Elba, died Oct. 7, 1998, at his home. Funeral services were held Oct. 9, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Elba First Baptist Church, with Dr. Robert Paul and Dr. Frank Wells officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Jane Cash; two sons and daughters-in-law: Russ and Jane Cash, Troy, Pete and Mary Cash, Elba; a sister: Lucy Anderson, Birmingham; three grandsons: Russell Cash III, Troy; Griffin Cash, Ben Cash, Elba; two granddaughters: Katie Cash, Elba, and Kelly Cash, Troy.

JOHN W. "JOHNNY" CROSBY
Mr. John W. "Johnny" Crosby, 76, a resident of Dothan and a former resident of New Brockton, died Oct. 7, 1998, at Wesley Manor Retirement Center following a long illness.

Graveside services and burial were held Oct. 10, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Park with Rev. Grady Russell officiating, and Byrd Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Crosby was born April 1, 1922, to the late Willie E. and May Kelley Crosby in the Damascus Community near New Brockton. He was a veteran of World War II and resided in Ft. Myers, Fla., for 36 years. After his retirement he lived in New Brockton where he was self-employed with Crosby Custom Covers.

Survivors include his wife: Laura Bass Crosby; Dothan; two sons and daughters-in-law: Wendell and Dot Crosby, Ft. Myers, Fla.; Westley and Ruth Crosby, Naples, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law: Debra and Don Gilbert, Dothan; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law: Grace and Bibb Farris, New Brockton.

ONNIE BELL DANIELS
Mrs. Onnie Bell Daniels died Sept. 30, 1998, at Chipola Nursing Pavilion, Marianna, Fla.

Funeral services were held Oct. 5, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Hammond

Funeral Home Chapel, Elba, with Bro. Thomas Pryor, officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter: Dr. Cynthia Daniels Sellers, Macon, Ga.; a son: D'Andres Daniels, Marietta, Ga.; her mother: Mrs. Lizzie Rogers, Opp; three sisters: Myldred Brown, Enterprise; Martha Blackwell, Opp; Mary Joyce Mullen, Las Vegas, Nev.; seven brothers: Willie Rogers, Panama City, Fla.; James Rogers, Camden, N.J.; John Rogers and Fred Rogers, Dayton, Ohio; Peter Rogers, Dillard, Ga.; Larry Rogers, Opp; Robert Rogers, Los Angeles, Calif.; three grandchildren: Latasha Sellers and Kettisha Sellers, both of Macon, Ga.; Jevon Smith, Elba.

PAUL WILLIAM RUGG
Mr. Paul William Rugg, age 69, of Rt. 1, Elba, died Oct. 7, 1998, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Oct. 8, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Zion Chapel Baptist Church, with Rev. Jimmy Eddins officiating. Burial was in Zion Chapel Church Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Wayne W. Rugg, Elba; two daughters and sons-in-law: Paula and Wendell Black, Elba; Pam and Jerrell Flowers, Elba; a brother: Donald Rugg, Jack, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

MINNIE LEE THIGPEN
Mrs. Minnie L. Thigpen died Oct. 2, 1998, in Southeast Medical Center, Dothan. She was born June 14, 1924, in Covington County.

Funeral services were held Oct. 7, 1998, at 1 p.m. at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, with Pastor John L. Grayer officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral home directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Lester Thigpen, and three children.

Survivors include a daughter: Annie Doris (Charlie) Austin; three sons: Larry Thigpen, William L. Thigpen, and Chris Thigpen, all of Elba; three brothers: A.Z. Stoudemire, Elba; Douglas Stoudemire, and Harvey D. Stoudemire, both of Opp; four sisters: Katherine Edwards, Evelyn Campbell, both of Opp; Muri Raymond, Kinston; and Mae Sue Williams, Denver, Col.; 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

BENJAMIN JORDAN
Mr. Benjamin "Ben" Jordan died Sept. 27, 1998, at Southeast Alabama Medical Center, Dothan.

He was born Dec. 27, 1910, and was preceded in death by his wife, Versie M. Jordan.

Funeral services were held Oct. 3, 1998, at 3 p.m. at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, with

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Eanon Baptist Church to have Homecoming

Eanon Baptist Church, in the old Snellgrove Mill Community, will have Homecoming Sunday, Oct. 18. Lunch will be served and there

will be special singing. Everyone is welcome. Rev. Bernard Strickland is pastor of the church.

Bluff Spring Baptist Church to have Gospel Singing

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will have a Gospel Singing Saturday, Oct. 17, beginning at 7 p.m., featuring "New Life."

Pastor of the church is Elbert Smith.

Gospel Singing to be held at Shiloh Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist Church will have a Gospel Sing Saturday, Oct. 17, beginning at 7 p.m. Featured singers will be "Higher Reach."

Youth Minister Kevin Dewberry will be the speaker.

Zion Chapel Baptist Church to have Homecoming, Sunday October 25

Zion Chapel Baptist Church will have Homecoming services and dinner on the ground Sunday, Oct. 25.

Guest speaker will be Charles Sunday, and special music will be provided by The Davis Brothers. Everyone is invited.



Dr. Mike Rich

Mike Rich to speak at Elba United Methodist

Mike Rich, son of Howard and the late Jane Rich, and nephew of P.H. (Chick) and Myrtle Sellers, will preach at Elba United Methodist Church Sunday, Oct. 18, at the 10 a.m. service. He will also preach at 8:45 a.m. at Ham Chapel.

"Even though Mike has been away from Elba for a number of years, he still calls Elba home," said Rev. Marvin Ennis, pastor of the church, adding that Mike "was called to the ministry while a member of the Elba United Methodist Church."

Mike is a 1978 graduate of Elba High School, and holds a PhD from the University of Maryland; M. Div., Duke University; BA, Huntingdon College, and obtained a Certificate in Ethics and Public Policy from Wesley Theological Seminary.

His work in the United Methodist Church includes camp director, student pastor, youth director and student associate. He is an ordained elder in the Western North Carolina Conference, and served pastorates in Maydan and Lake Jamulka, N.C., prior to moving to Mississippi.

Mike Stanton-Rich is married to Diane Stanton-Rich, who is director of the Society of St. Andrew Mississippi Gleaning, and they have a 4-year-old son named Jeremiah.

The public is invited to attend this special event.

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***Thinking of you, praying for you: Joyce B. Johnson, Jimmie Moore, Lovie Hooks, Evelyn Manning, Argusta Levis, Roderick McBride, McMillian & Lee families, William Floumy, Ann Tyson, Mary Long, Johnnie Daniels, Alice Blue, Grover Belcher, Ruth Belcher.

***Rev. W.O. Edward, Elba, and Rev. R. Caldwell, Opp, visited Grover and Eria Belcher recently.

***Youth Need to Know: African American History - Monthly Motivation - You preach a better sermon with your deeds than with your lips. Charles Wesley, historian 1930: On this day, Oct. 8, Faith Ringgold, who will become a multi-media artist and activist, is born in New York City.

1941: The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson is born in Greenville, S.C. (Oct. 8). He will become a major political activist and Civil Rights leader.

1806: On this day, Oct. 9, Benjamin Bancker, mathematician and astronomer, dies in Elliptic City, Md.

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African American History Calendar

***An Anniversary Program honoring Rev. J.R. Parks as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba, was held Oct. 11, at 2 p.m., with Isaiah 6:8 as theme.

Guest choir rendered music; welcome and occasion - Sis. Alice Musgrove; as a pastor - Minister Joseph Edwards; as a Sunday School teacher - Sis. Cora McBride; solo by Sis. Carolyn Blake; pulpit/introduction - Rev. Moses Rodgers; speaker - Rev. Darryl Caldwell; Mistress of Order - Sis. Estella Lawrence.

***The 10th anniversary of Rev. J.R. Parks, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Elba, will be held Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. Theme will be from Gal. 5:22-23.

Devotional - Mrs. Rene Flowers and Miss Annie Marshall; music - guest choir; welcome - Mrs. Lucille Edwards; presentation - Mrs. Benjamin Bancker, mathematician and astronomer, dies in Elliptic City, Md.

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Ceremony - Mrs. Eva Daniels Pastor's Aid Committee: Mrs. Thelma Mackie, Mrs. Bonnie Magwood, Mrs. Cora Horstead, Mrs. Alberta Daniels, Mrs. Lucille Ballard, Mrs. Betty Caldwell, Mrs. Annie L. Marshall, Mrs. Lucille Edwards, Mrs. Rene Flowers, Mrs. Pattie Marshall, Mrs. Rena Nicholson and Mrs. Sara (Nell) Warren. Mrs. Priscilla Kelley will accompany Rev. J.R. Parks.

***Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church Choir Anniversary was held Oct. 10 and 11. Saturday night's devotional was by Dea. Samuel Flournoy; welcome and occasion - Sis. Rita Hardwick; speaker - Elder Holley; Sunday evening; devotion by deacons from Friendship Baptist Church and New Philadelphia COGIC; welcome and occasion - Sis. Patti Culver. There were solos, readings and mimes; Mistresses of Order - Sis. Elizabeth Stoudemire and Sis. Felicia Darby.

The services were dedicated to Dea. Grover Belcher, Sis. Ruth Belcher, and Sis. Lovie Hooks.

***Today is a good day - be grateful!

AARP to meet

The monthly meeting of the Elba Chapter of AARP will be held at the Senior Citizens Building Oct. 20.

There will not be a planned program, but a "fun night" is scheduled for 6 p.m.

All members and interested guests are invited to attend.

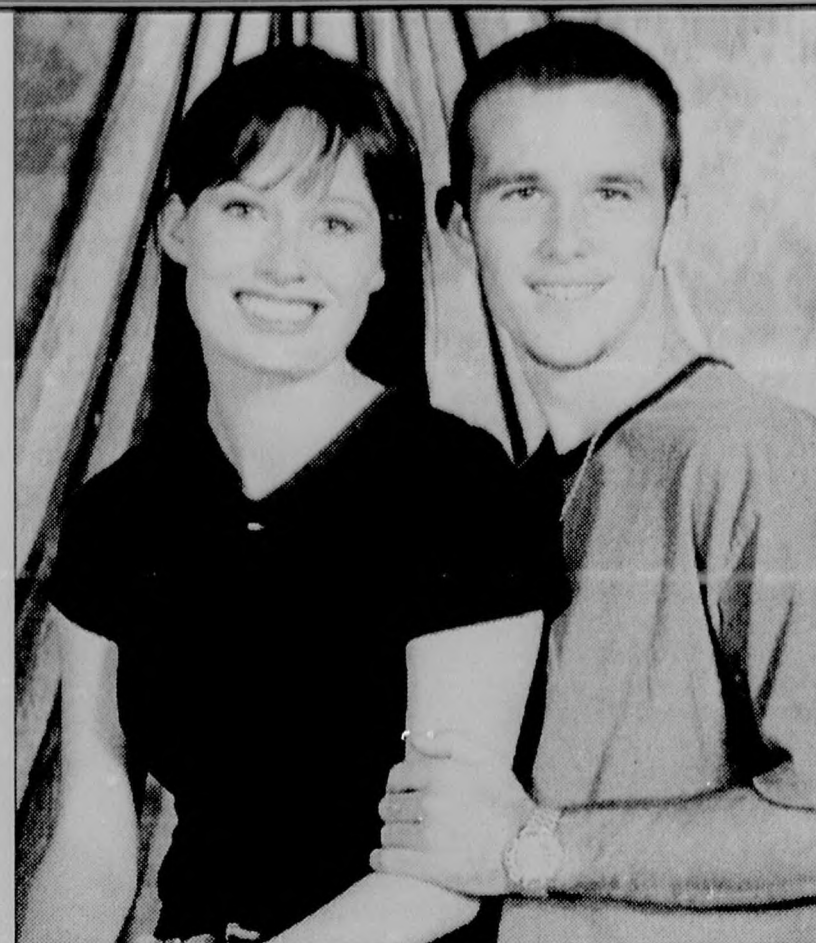
Wiregrass Hospice Inc. to hold Grief and Holiday Seminar

Wiregrass Hospice Inc. is offering a seminar designed to assist, through the holiday season, those who have lost loved ones. To be held Oct. 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Heritage United Methodist Church in Enterprise, the seminar is open to anyone throughout the community who has loved a loved one. The church is located at 2911 Rucker Blvd.

The seminar will deal with questions such as: What is holiday grief? How will a person handle the holiday season without their loved one? What do the holidays really mean to a person?

There is no cost to attend and nurses and social workers will be offered CEU credit.

For more information contact Melanie at 1-800-626-1100.



Miss Grissett and Mr. Morgan

Miss Grissett and Mr. Morgan announce wedding plans

Judy Weber of Bellwood and Tommy Grissett of Dothan announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their

daughter, April Grissett, to Jonathan Morgan of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Vivian Maddox and the late Henry Wambles of Jack; Francis Grissett and the late Bill Grissett of Brundage.

The wedding will take place Oct. 24 at two o'clock in the afternoon at Zion Chapel Baptist Church.

No formal invitations are being sent. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Ushers were Allen Weaver, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Shannon Pugh, cousin of the bride, Evergreen, Ala.

Peace lilies were placed in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. David Moye Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper David Cox, and Mr. Hubert Edlow Bryan.

Reception

Following the wedding a reception was held in the church's fellowship hall. Assisting in serving at the reception were Mrs. Amy Pugh,

Bryant-Pugh united in marriage June 13th

Christi Dion Pugh and Edward David "Bo" Bryant were married in a double-ring ceremony June 13, 1998, at four o'clock in the afternoon in Pepperell Baptist Church.

Rev. Tommy Rush performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Ronald Pugh of Opelika. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Eddie Bryan of Opelika.

As guests arrived at the church, they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clark. The bride's book was kept by Miss Drew Parent.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Mr. Jamie Baker, who sang "How Beautiful," "The Lord's Prayer," and "A Perfect Union," accompanied by Mrs. Jane Leland on the piano and organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Peppers sang "Cherish the Treasure." Trumpeter, Mr. Gary Morgan, played "Trumpet Voluntary" as the bride entered.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Matrons of honor were Mrs. Traci Peppers and Mrs. Karan Harrison, sisters of the bride, both of Opelika. Bridesmaids were Miss Leigh Bryan, sister of the groom; Mrs. Cori Newman, Miss Mary Rickles, Miss Sam Sullivan, Miss Paige Teal, friends of the bride, all of Opelika; Miss Cynthia Pugh, cousin of the bride, Jackson, Ala.

Groomsmen were Jeff Peppers, Kevin Harrison, brothers-in-law of the bride; Kris Burdette, Beau Newman, all of Opelika; Bart Hamilton, Scott Phillips, both of Montgomery; Brian Willis, Panama City, Fla.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward David "Bo" Bryant

Mrs. Patricia Pugh, Mrs. Donna Moulton, Mrs. Anie Willis, Miss Paige Baker, Mrs. Melissa Wynn, Janice Holman, Mrs. Bonnie Voyles, Mrs. Brenda Vickery, Mrs. Janet Meredith, Mrs. Rosetta Simpkins, Mrs. Judy Clark, Mrs. Lynda Wood, Mrs. Betty Bryant, and Mrs. Barbara Smith on April 26 at Pepperell Baptist Church.

A pouncing was hosted by Mrs. Judy Bryan and Miss Leigh Bryan, Mrs. Donna Moulton, and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Harrison on May 9 at the home of the bride.

A miscellaneous gift tea was hosted by Mrs. Judy Melo, Mrs. Bertie Boland, Mrs. Cathy Weeks, and Mrs. Nickie Inright on May 23 at the home of Mrs. Judy Melo.

A bridesmaids luncheon was hosted by Mrs. Judy Baker and Mrs. Patricia Pugh on June 12 at the home of Mrs. Judy Clark.

Refreshments were provided for the wedding party by parents of the bride.

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New Arrival

BRIAN STEVEN JONES

Tom and Melanie Jones of Jackson, Mississippi, announce the birth of their son Brian Steven on October 9, 1998. Brian weighed 10 lbs 2 ozs.

His grandparents are Judge and Mrs. Fleetwood Carley, Mrs. Martha O. Daniel and the late Thomas H. Jones, Sr.

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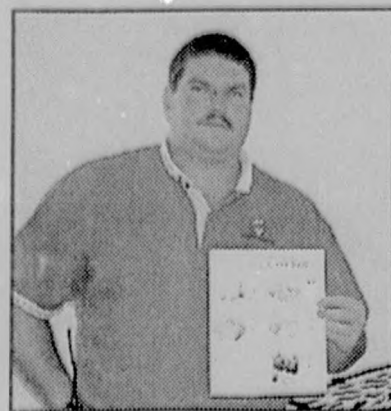
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Fruit Sales



The Zion Chapel chapter of the FFA has begun its yearly fruit sale. The fruit sale started on October 6 and will end on October 27. The fruit that is being sold are as follows: 4/5 box of navel oranges for \$18 and 2/5 box for \$10, 4/5 box of red grapefruit for \$16, and 2/5 box for \$9, 4/5 box of tangelos are \$16, and 2/5 box are \$9, 4/5 box of juice oranges are \$14 and 2/5 box for \$8, red and yellow Washington apples \$24 for a large box and only \$13 for a small box.

If you wish to purchase fruit this year just contact any FFA member or Contact John McCray at 897-6275.

All fruit is being bought from River Brite Citrus, Inc. The fruit will be delivered about the middle of December.

Any FFA member that sells ten boxes will receive an FFA T-shirt and any member that sells 40 boxes will receive an official FFA jacket with their name embroidered on the right side above the pocket.



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ZC's Future Business Leaders Meet

by Cristy Houston

The Zion Chapel Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was called to order by Tara Grant, presiding officer, on Thursday, September 24, at 11 a.m. in the auditorium. After roll call, Jessica Kelley, acting secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read.

Justin Law, chairman of the officer selection committee, came forward to discuss running for an office. Anyone who wishes to run for an office must submit a one-page essay on what qualifications they have for that office and what they could do to benefit the chapter.

All essays had to be turned in by Mrs. Bryan no later than October 3, 1998.

Daphne Jinnright, chairman of the community service project, reported that the chapter needed at least 50 hours of community service for the

upcoming year. The theme for this year is "Get Help From FBLA." FBLA members will baby-sit, grocery shop, mow lawns, and many other things they are asked to do. The committee members are Rebecca Ward, Alisha Walker, Angie Lane, Blake Weeks, Heather Golden, and Kayla Eddins.

The chairman of the state project committee, Morgan Hodge, came forward and discussed what the chapter has to accomplish to complete the state project. The theme for the 1998-99 state project is "Celebration of Character."

It was reported that anyone who so desired could enter a sketch to be submitted as the design for the 1999 official state t-shirt. Any design would be entered in the contest at the Officer Training Conference.

Jessica Kelley, chairman of the officers training conference committee, discussed the National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC) and the Officer Training Conference (OTC) that will be held on November 6 and 7 in Birmingham.

Any one who planned to go had to have all money turned in by Mrs. Bryan by October 5, 1998. Cost of the trip will include a registration

FHA Competes In Star Events

by Cristy Houston

As the deadline for the FHA dues to be paid passes it is time for individual members to decide which event they want to compete in and start getting ready. Anyone who is or has been a member of FHA can compete in any of the 14 events. STAR Events encourage a member to actively participate in school events so that their accomplishments can be recognized.

The State/National STAR events that Zion Chapel can compete in



Pictured are (l-r) Junion Jones and Chastity Weed

are: beef recipe, chapter service project, peanut recipe, illustrated talk, chapter showcase, entrepreneurship, focus on children, illustrated story, interpersonal communications, job interview, parliamentary procedure, applied technology, reading story, skills for life, and illustrated talk.

Applied technology can either be an individual or a chapter-developed project using technology and showing problem-solving methods and critical thinking. Beef recipe is an individual's demonstration of knowledge of methods of cooking and the nutritional value of beef by preparing a beef dish and writing an essay. Chapter service project is a chapter's developed in-depth service project that makes a worthwhile contribution to families, schools, communities, and education.

Chapter showcase is a chapter's well-balanced program of work that promotes FFA/HERO and family and consumer sciences to the community. Entrepreneurship is an individual's or chapter's well-developed plan for a small business using skills related

to family and consumer science and knowledge of business practices.

Focus on Children is an individual's or chapter's plan and conduct of a child development plan that has a positive outcome. Illustrated talk is an individual's demonstration of the ability to make a presentation about issues that concern a family. Illustrated story is an individual's ability to illustrate a book for children.

Interpersonal communications is an individual's or chapter's way of developing a project that will get members of the community involved. Job interview is an individual's use of skills that helps them develop a portfolio and participate in an interview. Parliamentary procedure is a chapter's team that demonstrates a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure and the ability to conduct a meeting correctly.

Peanut recipe is an individual's developed skills in selecting and preparing a main dish using peanuts or peanut products. Reading story is for an individual who can demonstrate skills in reading a child's story. Skills for life is an individual's or chapter's developed presentation that explains life skills that are related to the National FFA/HERO program.

Sign up sheets are posted in Mrs. Hobbs' room. Any paid FFA member that is interested should stop by and sign up for the event or events in which he or she wishes to participate. No deadlines have been set at this time.

Cheerleaders Win

by Bo Adkison

The Zion Chapel Varsity Cheerleaders recently participated in a decoration contest at Colonial Bank inside the Enterprise Wal-Mart.

On Wednesday, September 30, several cheerleaders went to Wal-Mart to begin decorating. The girls hung cheerleader and football uniforms on the wall, along with pictures of both groups. Paper footballs and megaphones, with the players and cheerleaders' names on them, were made and hung all around the bank. A wooden replica of Zion Chapel's mascot, the Rebel, was used to show Rebel spirit. Other decorations such as megaphones, pom poms, spirit ribbons and banners were used in the competition.

The cheerleaders also provided the bank's staff with Rebel T-shirts and ribbons to wear on Friday. In order to win the competition, customers had to vote on which of the competing school's decorations looked best.

Enterprise High School cheerleaders and Elba High School cheerleaders had decorated the bank during previous weeks.

The votes were counted on Saturday, October 3, and the Zion Chapel cheerleaders won with 351 votes. They received \$50 which will go into the cheerleader account.

The Entrepreneurship team members this year are Carissa Walker, Alisha Walker, Kendra Ward, and Mitchell McIntosh.

What is Entrepreneurship

by Alisha Walker

Entrepreneurship is opening and managing your own business. An entrepreneur has to be willing to take the risk of investing time and money in a business that has the potential to make a profit or incur a loss. They take risks to meet goals that are important to them.

At the FBLA District Competition, each school can have an entrepreneurship team. The team can have up to three members and an alternate member. At district, all four members will take a written test and the score will be divided by four to get an overall team score. If the team advances to state competition, then only the three team members can compete. The alternate will compete if one or more of the team members is absent.

The event is composed of two parts: a written objective test and a

decision-making problem (case study). The written objective test may include questions on the principles of business ownership and management, business planning, community/business relationships, legal issues, initial capital and credit, asset protection, computer applications, personnel management, financial management, marketing management, taxes, any government regulation. The case study is performed at state only. It will consist of a problem encountered by entrepreneurs in one or more of the following areas: business planning, human relations, financial management, and marketing. If a question is raised in the case, then it must be answered during the oral presentation.

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Animal Kingdom Studied

by Matt Dunn

Third-graders who are under the supervision of Ms. Beverly McCall have already completed their first science project.

The students were given an assignment to look through magazines, books, and any other resources available, to gather pic-

tures of animals. With these pictures they were to make a collage of animals that were separated into the classes for mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, and fish. Ms. McCall gave the children several different titles as an example and also gave them the freedom to choose their own title.

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Royalty Of Elba High School



by Julie Roberson and Diana Jackson

This year's Homecoming Court was voted on Thursday, September 24 by the student body. The girls waited anxiously as they found out the results at Friday's pep rally.

This year's ninth grade attendant will be Miss Ashley Harrelson. She is the 14-year-old daughter of Ricky and Lisa Harrelson. Representing the tenth grade will be Miss Michelle Daniels. She is the 16-year-old daughter of James and Mary Daniels. This year's eleventh grade attendant will be Miss Dionne Flowers. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Loreal and Tiny Flowers. Miss Deana Gifford will be representing the twelfth grade this year. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Martha and Arthur Gifford.

And this year's 1998 Homecoming Queen will be Miss Julie Roberson. She is the daughter of Bob and Melanie Roberson. The Elba Staff would like to congratulate the 1998 Homecoming Court.

Apple Family Project

by Daniel Murdock

Coach Collins' seventh-grade health class is doing an Apple Family Project so that they may learn how difficult it is to run a family in the 90's. For two weeks, they are given a choice of either acting as a family or as a single parent. Their children are represented by apples and the students have to take the apples wherever they go or hire a babysitter.

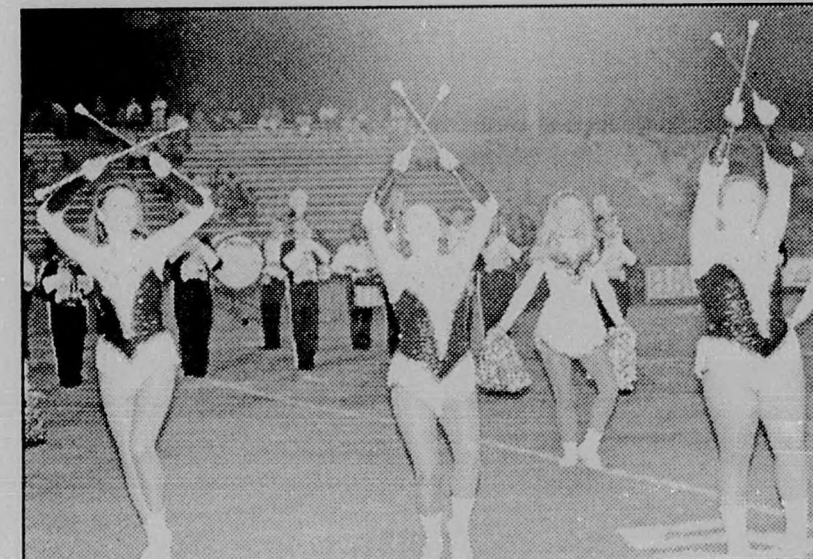
The families take on "typical" responsibilities such as the girls take care of the children while the guys pay the bills. The students experience real situations as they are required to pay taxes, insurance, and other bills. The students are

assigned an occupation with a salary. Some of the problems they are confronted with is a breakdown in the air conditioner or a tree falls through their house. Kaci Grantham comments on the responsibilities of a single parent as "It is hard but if you make a lot of money, it makes things easier."

Thomas, a married couple, state that "It means a lot of responsibilities and there is a lot more to marriage than it often seems."

Coach Collins' class is learning a lot about how difficult it can be to raise a family while learning to work together.

Majorettes - A New Old Tradition



by Reese Grantham

The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band has reinstated an old tradition: Majorettes are once again part of the half-time show on Friday nights. The band director, Mr. Ellis, felt that a great tradition could be brought back, adding a lot to the band. The addition of majorettes will add balance between the growing number of members compared to the stationary number of auxiliary members.

A small group of girls showed interest in twirling and try-outs were held. This year's majorettes are: Leslie Stinson-captain, Emilee Qualls, Leanne Mallory, and Shay Johnson. All of these girls are beginners and have been twirling for less than a year. Mr. Ellis says he is very proud of the majorettes and they are making great progress. The band is very happy about this addition to their family.

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Some courses offered at Enterprise State Junior College for fall semester will start later in the terms and are scheduled to run for fewer days than the full-term courses. Interested persons may register for these courses up to the day before the classes begin.

Some one-hour semester credit courses to be offered will include: Microsoft Excel - Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 16-17 and 23; 5:35-8:00 p.m.; Microsoft Access - Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 24, Nov. 6-7, and 13-14, same time; Microsoft Powerpoint - Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 20-21, Dec. 4-5 and 11, also at same time; Web Page Development - Tuesdays, Nov. 3 - Dec. 1, 7:15 - 9:45 p.m.; Total Quality Management Leadership - Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 14, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. For more information on these courses call 393-ESJC, Ext. 234.

Tiger Tales



Anna Maddox
Editor
Daniel Murdock
Editor

EHS To Host College Day

by Anna Maddox

On October 21, Elba High School is scheduled to host the annual College Day for schools in the surrounding area. Seniors from Zion Chapel, Kinston, and New Brockton, along with juniors and seniors from Elba, will meet in the cafeteria from 9:00 until 9:45 where representatives from select colleges throughout the state will set up exhibits displaying information on their schools.

As many as 35 schools will be represented including two and four-year colleges, junior colleges, technical and vocational schools, and the military and armed services. Mr. Carley stated, "This is a good opportunity for students to get first hand information on colleges, schedule campus visits, and ask personal questions."

Parents are also encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity. However, everyone is welcome to attend.

Elba Elementary School Menu Oct. 19 - 23, 1998

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Fish Burger, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Peach Half, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Hamburger Helper, Green Beans, Roll, Banana, Cookie, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Pizza, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, Applesauce, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast w/Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Chili w/Beans, Cheese Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk

Co-Op Spotlight



by Deana Gifford

This week's CO-OP Spotlight focuses on Brad Holley. He is an employee at the Heart of Dixie Music Park. His duties include general maintenance, filing, and receiving calls. Brad is the son of Roger and Pat Boothe and is a senior at Elba High School. He is a member of Sr. Beta, the Journalism Staff, and is president of VICA. After high school, Brad plans to attend Troy State University, majoring in either Broadcast Journalism or Nursing.

Deadline For Social News Is 5:00 p.m. Monday!

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FBLA Elects Officers



The following officers of the EHS Future Business Leaders of America Club will lead the members in new activities for the 1998-99 school year: President-Leslie Stinson, Vice President-Alisha Walker, Secretary-Aubretta Williams, Treasurer-Lakia Walker, Reporter-Carmella Rayburn, Parliamentarian-Denise Cooper, and Devotion Leader-Bethany Dye.

Senior T-Shirts Are Here

by Laura Crowe

The Journalism Staff held their annual Senior T-shirt fund-raiser. They sold T-shirts to the Class of 1999 for \$15 to help pay for the 1999 Elba Yearbook. Their sale was successful for they gained nearly \$200 profit from the T-shirts.

Not only was the Journalism Staff excited about the money they raised, the seniors were all smiles as they wore their shirts with pride Monday to school. On the front of the shirts each senior signed his/her name within the number "99." On the back they listed the top ten reasons why they are so glad to be graduating this year. Here is what it reads:

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Rebel Band News

Band Attends Festival

by Carissa Walker

The Zion Chapel Marching Band attended the Daleville Invitational Band Classic Festival Saturday, October 3. They were the first band to perform in Class A.

After the band performed the members stayed at the festival and watched other bands perform their shows. The exhibition bands were

Daleville High School and Crestview High School.

The awards ceremony began at 7:00 p.m. Zion Chapel's scores were announced first. The Drum Major and drumline were awarded excellent ratings. The majorette, dancer, and colorguard earned superior ratings. The band was also awarded superior ratings.

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Coffee County Schools Menu Oct. 19 - 23, 1998

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Honey Bun, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Sausage Pizza, Corn Dogs, Baked Potato w/Soup, Cream or Butter, English Peas, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Chicken & Biscuit, Jelly, Juice, Cereal, Milk	Tuesday - Hamburger Steak w/Gravy, BBQ Sandwich, Breaded Squash, Green Beans, Rice, Rolls, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Pancake, Link Sausage, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Hoagie or Steak Sandwich, Blackberry Peas, Fried Okra, Lettuce, Tomato, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tuna Salad w/Crackers, Green Salad, BBQ Bread, Corn Nuggets, Pear Halves, Milk
Friday - French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Ham Slice, Juice, Milk	Friday - Fried Chicken, Fish Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes w/Gravy, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Peach Turnovers, Milk



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By Ricky Mularz

The cool snap late last week resulted in some cold toes for the Mularz girls, and Saturday night Dad was having to dig in the closet for some blankets to make sure they had a warm night's sleep. I told Melissa that if she would turn off her air conditioner it might help a little in her room, while Melanie slept like a log under a sheet and three comforters. I like the cooler temperatures, especially at night, and know the girls will too, once they learn to sleep under a blanket.

OFFENSIVE WOES CONTINUE AS ELBA TIGERS SLIP TO 0-6

There is an old saying in sports that "statistics are for losers," and I guess that saying was never more true than it was last Friday night in Elba's 6-3 loss to Straughn. A look at the statistics reveal that Elba had 71 offensive plays, compared to only 40 for Straughn; made 13 first downs, compared to only 4 for Straughn; gained 183 yards rushing, compared to only 42 for Straughn; passed for 66 yards, compared to only 1 yard for Straughn; had a total offense of 249 yards, compared to only 43 total yards for Straughn; and had the ball for 29:05, compared to only 18:45 for Straughn. There is no doubt which team won the statistics, but the only statistic that really mattered was the score, which Straughn managed to win by the final score of 6-3.

The Elba offense moved the football up and down the field in-between the twenties, but shot itself in the foot time and time again with penalties that resulted in the Tigers having to punt the ball away instead of moving it into the endzone. The offense committed a total of 11 penalties for 99 yards, yet still managed to have almost 250 yards in total offense. The penalties kept the Tigers from taking charge of the game early, and in the end probably were the major factor in the Tigers losing the game. It is almost impossible to overcome that many yards in penalties on the offensive side of the football and have any hopes of putting many points on the scoreboard!

One bright spot on the offensive side was the running of freshman Derek Coleman. Coleman gained 140 yards on 22 carries, and time and time again ripped through the Straughn defense for big gains. Coleman's running should at least give the struggling Tiger offense something to build around in weeks to come. Another bright spot came when sophomore Brandon Salter booted a 23-yard field-goal to give the Tigers an early 3-0 lead. The Tigers' kicking game was suspect, to say the least, but Salter's boot let Tiger fans know that Elba can kick a field-goal when it has to.

The Elba defense once again played well enough to win against a very good opponent. The Tigers held Straughn's wing-attack to only four first downs and 43 yards in total offense, and did all it could do to help the Tigers in their attempt to get that elusive first win of the season. The defense was solid up front, on the corners, and in the secondary, and in recent weeks has emerged as a force to be reckoned with.

Summing up the loss, it was just another very tough loss for the Tigers to take in what has been a nightmare season. The Tiger offense simply could not put enough points on the scoreboard to win, and failed to come up with the key plays it needed when it counted the most.

PERSONAL PLEASE...TO THE PLAYERS, ONLY!

Okay, I know that you have been at work for many months practicing football and playing games, and that after seven weeks of the season an 0-6 record is the last thing you wanted, or expected. I also know that you have listened to the fans, and probably your parents and friends, that much of the blame on the coaches for the winless season that is underway. I have also heard that some of the players are talking about quitting, or going to a private school next season, due to a number of reasons. Hey, no one ever bettered himself by running away from a problem, and nothing worth having is supposed to come without having to work for it. You as players must regroup and rededicate yourselves to doing whatever it will take to win your remaining three games, and in doing so win the Area 3 title. I know that a trip to the playoffs with a 3-6 record won't exactly strike fear into any of your playoff opponents; however, a trip to the playoffs will at least prove to everyone that you didn't give up and were dedicated to fighting until the final horn of the final game. C'mon guys, you know you can win. Now

prove it to everyone else!

BRANTLEY IS ONLY AREA TEAM TO GET WIN IN WEEK #7

The seventh week of the high school football season has come and gone, and for the teams in the area, only the Brantley Bulldogs will look back at the week and smile about what happened. Here's a quick look back...

***BRANTLEY (6-1) had no trouble at all in posting an easy 45-7 win over Zion Chapel. The Bulldogs had the Rebels out-matched at every position on the field, and did little more than work up a sweat in posting the win. The Bulldogs did get a chance to rest their starters for much of the game, which should help with the very tough schedule Brantley still must face.

***ZION CHAPEL (0-6) was simply no match for Brantley, but never gave up despite the odds and came up with enough big plays on both sides of the football to at least feel good about its effort. The Rebels avoided the shut-out by scoring on the last play of the game, and while it was true the Bulldogs reserves were in the game, the Rebels still had the desire to get into the endzone. As long as the Rebels keep trying, and believing, they will have a chance to get a win.

***NEW BROCKTON (4-3) lost a 14-7 overtime thriller to undefeated Wicksburg, but played the unbeaten Panthers on even terms throughout the game and let everyone in attendance know that the Gamecocks will be around for many weeks to come. The wet field hurt the quickness of the Gamecocks on both offense and defense, but the defense never backed down and really got after Wicksburg throughout the game. If New Brockton can get some consistency on offense, it could still go places.

***KINSTON (0-7) saw its nightmare season continue as Geneva County blanked the Bulldogs 48-0. The Kinston offense never got anything going in the loss, but the Bulldogs defense never once backed down, and despite the lopsided score, battled unbeaten Geneva County with all it had for all four quarters. Kinston may not be out-manned every time it takes the field, but the Bulldogs battle until the final horn each and every Friday night, and deserve the support of their fans.

ELBA JUNIOR VARSITY TIGERS CONTINUE TO ROAR

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers improved their record to 4-0 last week with a 22-0 win over Straughn, and continued to show improvement in each and every game. The Tigers are very well coached by Kevin Killingsworth and his staff, and the hard work on fundamentals and the basics has paid off with four straight wins. It is true that the Tigers have some really good young players, and it is also true that in only one game have the Tigers competed against players in grades 7-8. Winning breeds winning, and many Elba Tiger fans are already looking ahead and looking forward to the winning seasons to come. Only time will tell, but this bunch deserves praise for its outstanding season!

ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY...

*** How about them Braves! Atlanta continued to prove that it can win the ones that don't really count last week as San Diego completely dominated the Braves in each of the opening three games. The Atlanta front office has been content for years sit back and let its pitching staff win games, and has made very few moves to beef up the Braves offensive output or get some quality bullpen help. Those shortcomings have been magnified in recent post-season failures, and maybe now the Braves officials will make some moves that will lead to better playoff performances down the line. The time is now!

*** I guess all those old-time Auburn fans that still yell "Punt Bama, Punt," will finally get quiet after watching the Tigers have two punts blocked in last weekend's big loss to Mississippi State. Auburn made enough mistakes to lose two or three games, much less one, and its needs on both sides of the football were again obvious in the loss, that dropped the Tigers' record to 1-4. I'm not an Auburn fan; however, it looks like to me that Coach Bowden has been playing it one season at a time for the past couple of years, and has not taken care of the long term outlook for the program. Maybe this season will open his eyes, and that of some Auburn sports administrators.

*** Does anyone really care that the NBA player lock-out has continued and that the young, overpaid superstars of the league have nowhere to go? Not me!

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PLODS ALONG WITH PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office over the weekend and

In prep volleyball action

Elba Lady Tigers improve record to 18-3

The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team hit the court twice last week and came away with two big double-header sweeps to improve their record for the season to 18 wins and 3 losses.

The Lady Tigers traveled to Brundidge for the first match of the week and claimed an easy 15-1, 15-5, and 15-8, 15-2 sweep over the Pike County Lady Bulldogs.

Elba pulled ahead early and never looked back win the first game of the first match 15-1. Vaughan Boyd recorded 6 service points to lead the Lady Tigers, while Michelle Lewis and Kendra Vaughan both had 3. In

Elba youth football teams sweep past Zion Chapel

Elba's three youth football teams made the short trip up to Zion Chapel Saturday night and came home with three big wins.

The Midget Tigers improved their record to 3-2 with a 12-0 win over the Rebels, as Don Rhoades and Gavin Flowers both scored touchdowns. Leading the defense in the shut-out were Christopher Salter, Cordell Hooks and Graham Morrow.

The Termie Tigers moved to 4-1 on the season as they spotted Zion Chapel an 8-0 halftime lead and then came roaring back to post a 14-8 win. Deymond Williams scored

both Elba touchdowns on long runs, while shining on defense were Mason Guley, Jerry King, Chase Boutwell and Stetson Petty.

The Pee Wee Tigers improved to 3-2 with a 6-0 win over the Rebels. Brandon Kelley scored the lone Tiger touchdown, while helping the defense record a shut-out were Ricky Marler, Ozzie Crawford, Bradley Bane and Ryan Gibbs.

This week the Elba teams will travel to New Brockton, with the first kickoff set for 5:30 PM, at Gamecock Stadium.

declared that he is going to have to start going by the various fields in the area before making his predictions. The local guesser was complaining about how wet many of the fields have been in recent weeks, and how the wet fields take away from the teams with speed. After making a few more excuses, he did report that last week's 44-6 slate moved his yearly totals to 164-45, which ain't all that bad. Here are this week's high school picks...

ELBA VS. CLAYTON

Two teams in desperate need of a win will meet Friday night in what has to be one of the state's least anticipated games in week #8. Elba will bring an 0-6 record and a seven game losing streak into the area match-up, while Clayton will enter the game with an 0-7 record, and a losing streak so long that very few Clayton fans can even remember the last time it got a win. It won't be pretty, but it will be a win for...

ELBA 24 CLAYTON 6

BRANTLEY VS. HIGHLAND HOME

These two Crenshaw County rivals will butt heads Friday night up in Highland Home, and after a big win over Luverne two weeks ago, the Flying Squadron has to be considered solid favorites to make it two straight over the Bulldogs. Brantley got in a good practice game last week in preparation for the match-up, and the vote here is for the Bulldogs to ground the Squadron.

BRANTLEY 16 HIGHLAND HOME 7

KINSTON VS. NEW BROCKTON

The winless Bulldogs will head across the county to challenge the highly-rated Gamecocks, and you can bet that the Gamecocks won't be in a very good mood after last week's overtime loss to Wicksburg. Kinston will play hard, and there is no doubt the Bulldogs will get after Brockton. It simply won't make any difference!

NEW BROCKTON 41 KINSTON 0

ZION CHAPEL VS. FLORALA

The winless Rebels will once again find themselves in the line of fire Friday night when they challenge the undefeated and high-scoring Wildcats from Florala. If the Rebels take an honest approach to this game, they might actually get a some positives out of it. Forget the score!

FLORALA 63 ZION CHAPEL 7

OTHER PICKS:

Bibb Graves 22 Fayetteville 7
Frisco City 32 Blacksher 8
Sweet Water 33 Coffeeville 0
Red Level 12 McKenzie 8
Verbena 29 Isabella 8
Cottonwood 19 Arton 13
Geneva County 28 Slocumb 7
Wicksburg 22 Samson 0
Flomaton 45 J.F. Shields 13
Excel 16 Straughn 14
Brantley 34 Vincent 6
Luverne 20 Calhoun 18
Montgomery Academy 17 Louisville 15
Ashville 41 Sardis 20
Rehebeeth 16 Abbeville 14
Ashford 27 Headland 0
Opp 21 Dale County 10
Daleville 12 Geneva 7
T.R. Miller 28 Hillcrest 8
St. Paul's 21 W.S. Neal 13
Charles Henderson 16 Pike County 15
Carroll 24 Andalusia 6
Russell County 17 Eufula 14
Greenville 30 Wilcox 12
John Carroll 24 St. James 12
Demopolis 34 Southside 12
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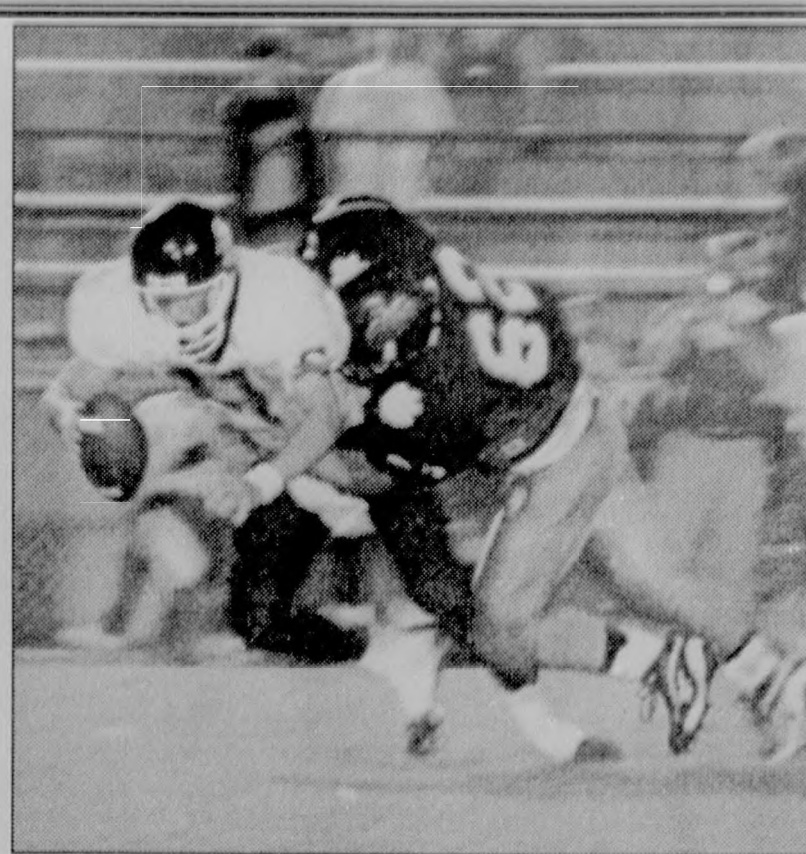
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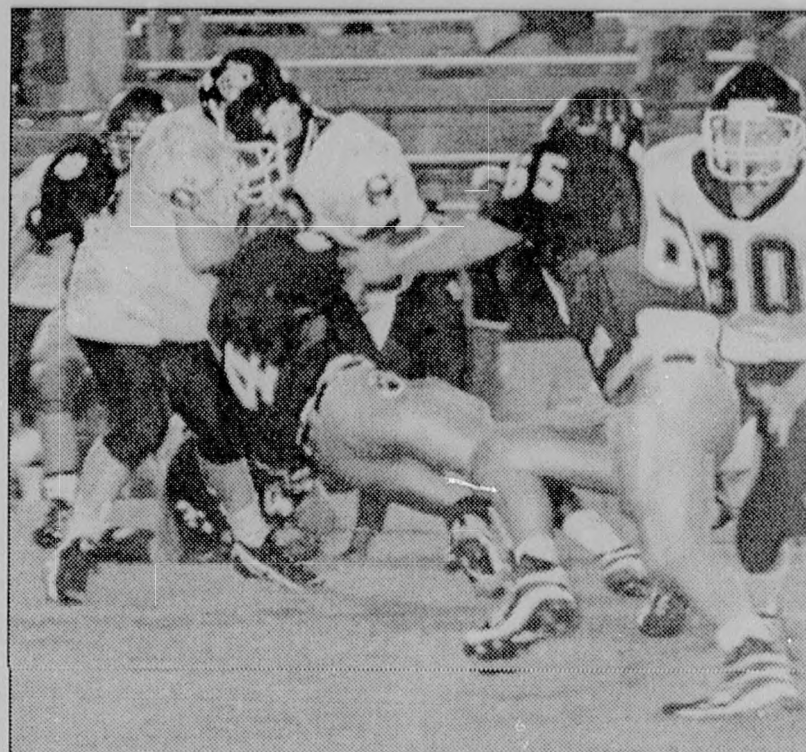
Elba quarterback Bradley Bowers (12) lets a pass fly in the Tigers' 6-3 loss to Straughn Friday night. Bowers will lead the Tigers into this week's homecoming clash against Clayton.



Marching Tiger dance line member Samantha Williams performs with the Elba High band during halftime ceremonies. The award winning band performs at all Tiger football games.



Elba defensive tackle Jep Dubose (62) sacks a Straughn quarterback for a big loss in action Friday night. The Tigers will host Clayton this week for homecoming.



Elba linebacker Keni Mitchell (4) holds on to bring down a Straughn running back. Elba will be looking for its first win Friday night against Clayton, in a key Area 3 game.



Elba Tiger cheerleaders had the true "Tiger Spirit" Friday night in Elba's battle against Straughn. This week the cheerleaders will try to help the fans get fired up in the homecoming clash against Clayton.

6-3 loss drops Tiger record to 0-6

Elba roars, but Straughn scores

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers dominated their Friday night clash with the Straughn Tigers in every statistic except one. However, the one statistic Elba failed to dominate was in points scored, as Straughn converted on two long field-goals to escape Tiger Stadium with a 6-3 win over the winless Elba Tigers.

The loss left Elba with an 0-6 record, while Straughn moved to 4-3 with the win.

Elba kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back at its own 43-yardline following a Straughn punt, and quickly drove downfield to get on the scoreboard.

A penalty on the Tigers' first play of the game backed Elba up to its 33; however, freshman Derek Coleman broke loose for a 41-yard gain on the Tigers next snap, and the Tigers were in business at the Straughn 26-yardline.

Elba moved to a first down at the Straughn 16 behind the running of Coleman and Jawaune Hughes, but a fumble and an incomplete pass

slowed the march, and the Tigers were forced to settle for three points as on fourth down sophomore Brandon Salter booted a 23-yard field-goal to put Elba on top 3-0 with 6:06 left in the first quarter.

Back-to-back penalties on second and ten stopped the Tigers next possession, while on Elba's third series of the night the Tigers again headed

toward the Straughn goalline, only to come away empty-handed.

The Tigers marched 43 yards in eight plays to reach a first down at the Straughn 31-yardline, with the drive being highlighted by the running and passing of junior quarterback Bradley Bowers. Bowers ran for 12 yards to get the drive off to a fast start, then hit Eric Jordan on two consecutive plays for gains of 12 and 15 yards as the Tigers appeared to headed into the endzone.

Two penalties and a big loss on a running play left the Tigers facing a third down and 32 back across mid-field, and despite a 9-yard completion on a halfback pass from Derek Coleman to Eric Jordan, Elba saw the scoring chance sail by the board.

The Tigers got the football right back at the Straughn 48-yardline on a fumble recovery by Jep Dubose, but the penalty flags continued to fly, as Elba was flagged for 27 yards in penalties during the ensuing possession, and was forced to punt the ball back to Straughn.

Straughn, which had been held to minus nine yards in offense on its initial four possessions, finally showed signs of life on its next series, and with the aid of an Elba penalty, reached the Elba 27-yardline, where on fourth down Andy White drilled a 44-yard field-goal to pull Straughn into a 3-3 tie with :34 remaining in the half.

The Tigers received the second half kick and promptly marched to



Elba's Tony Burks (3) returns a kickoff for the Tigers in last week's 6-3 loss to Straughn. The loss left Elba winless in '98.



Elba's Eric Jordan (9) looks for running room after pulling in a pass. Jordan caught 5 passes for 51 yards against Straughn.

STATISTICS

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13	1st Downs
39-183	Rushes-Yds.
66	Passing Yds.
249	Total Offense
5-19-1	Passes
3/1	Fumbles/Lost
3-30	Punts-Ave.
16-124	Penalties-Yds.

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SPORTS



The New Brockton High School Marching Gamecock Band put on another crowd pleasing performance Friday night during halftime of the Wicksburg football game. The Gamecocks will try to lock up the Area 3 championship this week when they host the Kinston Bulldogs in a key cross-county clash. Kick off is set for 7:30 PM.

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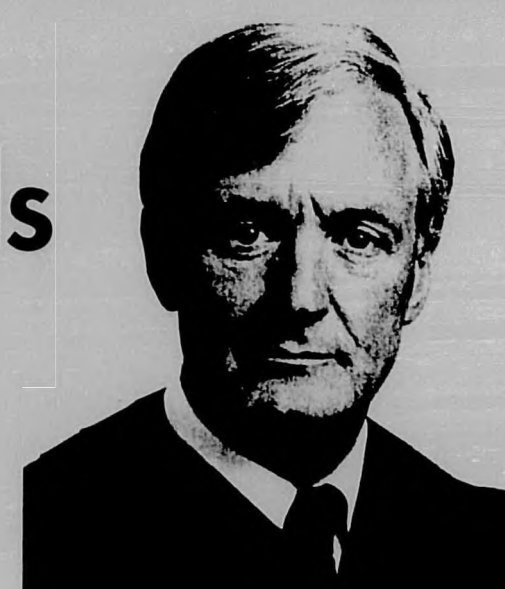


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Wicksburg Panthers claw past Gamecocks 14-7 in overtime

By Josh Lewis, Sports writer

The New Brockton Gamecocks and Wicksburg Panthers battled Friday night in the state's top 2A battle, and after four quarters and one overtime period the Panthers were able to escape with a 14-7 win over the Gamecocks.

The loss dropped New Brockton's record to 4-3, while Wicksburg improved to 7-0 with the win. The defensive units of both teams dominated action on the cold, damp night in New Brockton throughout the first quarter, as both punters had plenty of chances to show off their talents.

The Panthers drove to the New Brockton 9-yardline early in the second stanza and appeared to be headed into the endzone, but the Gamecock defense rose to the challenge and turned back the threat when Nicky Anderson pounced on a Panther fumble to kill the scoring chance.

Wicksburg began its next series at its own 30-yardline with 6:04 left in the half, and marched 70 yards to

get on the scoreboard! The touchdown came on a 5-yard run, and Ryan Wallace tacked on the extra-point, as the Panthers grabbed a 7-0 lead with 1:23 left in the half.

New Brockton kicked off to open the second half, but got the ball back immediately, as Nicky Anderson was again in the right place at the right time and recovered a Wicksburg fumble on the kickoff at the Panther 24-yardline.

The Gamecocks saw the scoring opportunity go by the board on a pass interception, and the defenses remained in control for much of the third quarter, with hard hits and punts dominating the action.

The Gamecocks put the ball in play at their own 36-yardline with 2:07 left in the stanza, and this time the Brockton offense came to life and marched 74 yards to reach paydirt!

The touchdown came on a 2-yard run by Lee Flowers, and Robbie Kinsaul added the extra-point, as the Gamecocks pulled even at 7-7 with 11:15 left in the game.

Wicksburg had a chance to win

the game late in the fourth quarter after a fumble recovery at the New Brockton 19-yardline. However, the Gamecock defense held, and the Panthers came away empty-handed when a 27-yard field-goal try fell short.

New Brockton chose to play defense in the overtime period, but saw the strategy backfire, as on second down Myron White scampered 8 yards for a Panther touchdown. Wallace drilled the extra-point, and Wicksburg was back on top 14-7.

New Brockton picked up one yard on its first play in overtime, then saw its gallant effort to knock off the unbeaten Panthers come to an end, as on second down Kellen Cole was forced out of the pocket by a heavy rush and had a pass intercepted, to allow the Panthers to claim the 14-7 win.

Lee Flowers gained 81 yards on 15 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead New Brockton, while on defense the Gamecocks were led by Pate Harrison with 10 tackles and Danny Toole with 9 stops.

Kinston falls hard in 48-0 loss to 'Dogs

By Chad Simmons, Sports writer

The Kinston Bulldogs had been outscored 254-38 in their first six games of the 1998 football season, an average of 42.3 in each game. Friday night the Bulldogs hosted the undefeated Geneva County Bulldogs and saw those numbers become even more painful as Geneva County rolled to a 48-0 win and increased the average margin of defeat to 38 points!

The Kinston offense struggled on its first two series as the Bulldogs failed to move the chains; however, the Bulldog defense was ready for war, and after an early stop, came up with a goal-line stand on a fumble recovery to keep the highly-favored visitors off the scoreboard.

Geneva County did grab a 2-0 lead with just over two minutes left in the first quarter when a high snap on a punt attempt sailed into the Kinston endzone, and the score seemed to wake up the Geneva County offense, as on its next series Geneva County marched in for a touchdown to take an 8-0 advantage.

Geneva County converted a Kinston fumble into points early in the second quarter to increase its lead to 15-0 with 11:15 left in the half, and quickly got the ball right back on another Bulldog fumble, this time at the Kinston 23-yardline.

The Kinston defense got the ball right back on a fumble recovery, but punted the ball back to Geneva County, and this time saw Geneva County drive 65 yards to take a 22-0 lead.

Geneva County needed only five plays in the third quarter to raise its lead to 35-0 as the visitors took complete control of the contest.

Kinston managed to recover its own fumble on the ensuing kickoff, but lost a fumble only plays later, and Geneva County again turned the fumble into points as it upped its lead to 39-0 before the end of the half.

The Kinston defense came up with another goal-line stand early in the third quarter and later turned Geneva County away after a first and goal at the Bulldog 6-yardline as the score remained at 35-0, but Geneva County did push across a score early in the fourth quarter as its lead went to 42-0.

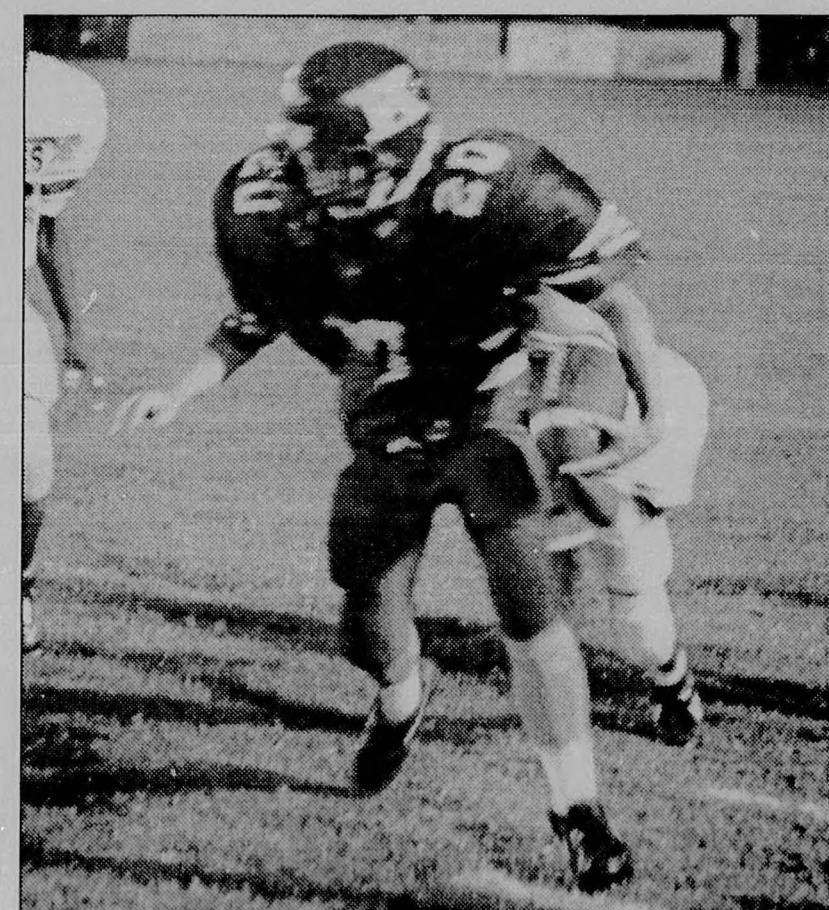
Geneva County added a late touchdown on a long run, and at the final horn it was Geneva County that left with the big 48-0 win.

Kinston will try to get a major upset Friday night when the Bulldogs travel to New Brockton to battle the 4-3 New Brockton Gamecocks. Kickoff is 7:30 PM.

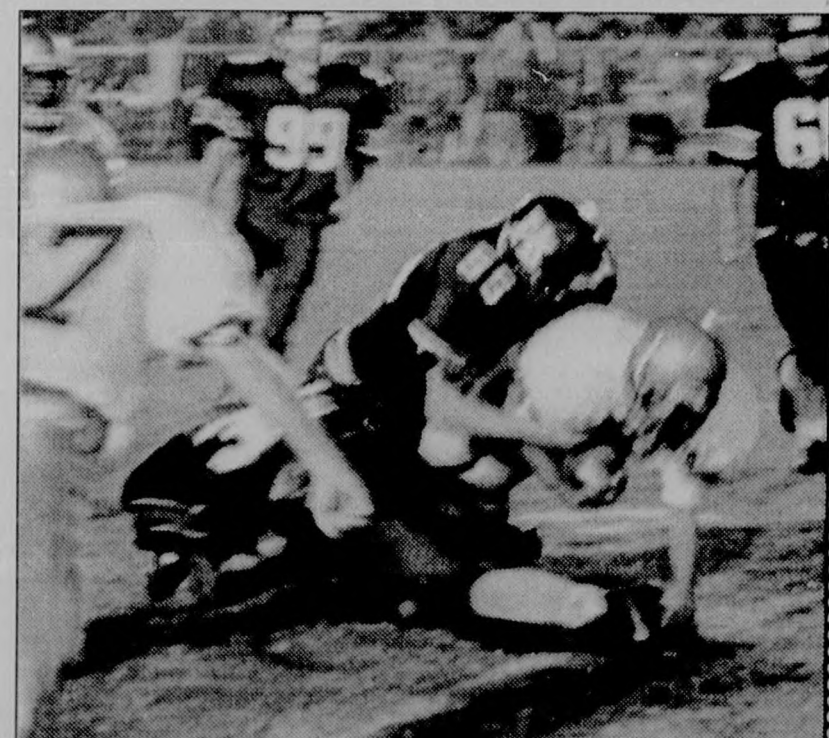
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A New Brockton receiver takes a seat on a Panther defender during action in Friday night's 14-7 overtime loss to Wicksburg.



A Kinston Bulldog running back heads down the sidelines for a big gain in last week's 48-0 loss to Geneva County.



A Kinston Bulldog defender stops a Geneva County back for a short gain in action Friday night. The Bulldogs will travel to New Brockton this week for a key Area 3 match-up.

SPORTS

Brantley Bulldogs stroll past Zion Chapel 45-7



Brantley defenders put the brakes to a Rebel runner during the Bulldogs' 45-7 win Friday night. Brantley will travel to Highland Home Friday night, while Zion Chapel will be at home to battle Florala.



A Zion Chapel defender slams a Bulldog running back to the turf in Friday night action. The Rebel defense will have its hands full Friday night against high-scoring Florala.

Elba Athletic Club to meet on Oct. 19 at Rec Center

The Elba Athletic Club will meet on Monday night, Oct. 19, at 7:00 PM, at the Elba Recreation Center, located at 764 North Claxton

Avenue. Items to be discussed include fund raising, and plans for the club to incorporate. All interested persons should attend.

Racing action resumes at South Alabama Speedway

Joey Watkins made his return to the South Alabama Speedway on October 3, after a month absence, and took the checkered flag in the Sportsman Feature.

Watkins led from the start, but had to hold off a late charge from Heath Mills to take the win. David Lester came from the sixth starting spot to finish third, followed in order by Jim Walker and James Mason.

In Super Stock action, Jeremy Sumrall returned with a new engine in his Camaro after blowing an engine earlier in the year. The new engine did its job, taking Sumrall to his first win of the season. Joe Pierce made his first appearance of the year and ran a strong second, while taking third was Howard Penton. Rounding out the top five were Eugene Bell and Tim Lynn.

David Cooper cruised to the Pure Stock feature win, with Roy Childs taking home second position. Wayne Slawson took home third, while rounding out the top five were Don Huff and Dwane Kroger. Jeff Smith passed Bubba Deaton on lap 12 and went on to win the Street Stock feature. Mark Broderick charged from the back of the pack to place second, followed in order by Deaton, Kenneth Adkins and Jimmy White.

The "Allison Legacy" cars made an appearance with J.R. Norris taking the win. Norris took the lead on lap 24 and held on to take the 30-lap feature. Charlie Bradberry placed second, followed in order by Shane Helms, Matt Lashum and Don Meadows.

Jackie Tillery continued to dominate in Powder Puff racing, winning for the third time in five races. Lisa Harrison placed second, followed in order by Stacy Adkins, Kelley Kroger and Meshell Carroll.

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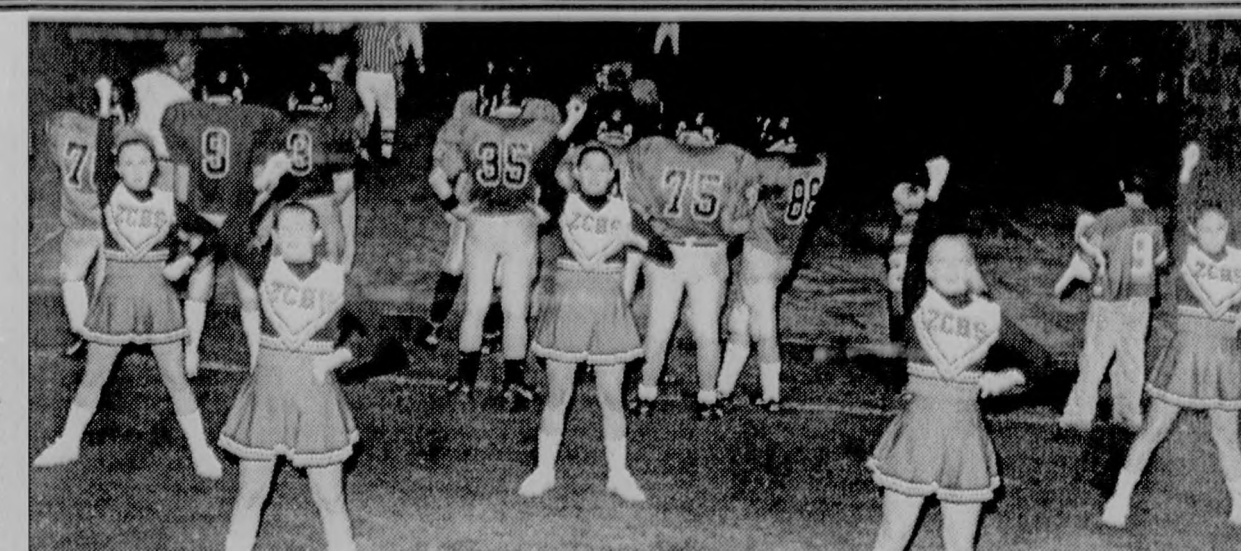
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SPORTS



Zion Chapel Rebel cheerleaders keep the crowd fired up during action Friday night against Brantley. This week the Rebels will host the undefeated Florala Wildcats.

run by Johnny Brantham, but fumbled the ball back to the Bulldogs, and Brantley wasted little time getting back into the endzone as Bo Daniels broke loose and scampered 27 yards for a touchdown. Gregory Daniels added the extra-point, and with 6:58 still left in the first quarter Brantley was in command with a 19-0 advantage.

The Rebels' Adam Blake made a touchdown saving tackle to stop Brantley on the Bulldogs' next possession; however, the Bulldogs got back in the endzone only minutes later as on the second play of the second quarter Durrell Owens fielded a Rebel punt and raced 42 yards for another Bulldog score. Daniels added the extra-point, and with 11:43 left in the second quarter

Brantley led stood at 26-0.

Zion Chapel turned back a Brantley scoring threat on the Bulldogs' next possession when the Rebels' Josh McWaters intercepted a halfback pass by Bo Daniels in the endzone, but Brantley got the ball right back on a Zion Chapel punt, and upped its lead to 32-0 on a short TD scamper by Alan Compton with 4:30 remaining in the half.

Brantley increased its lead to 39-0 with 3:19 left in the half when Bo Daniels scooped up a Rebel fumble and raced into the endzone, and at intermission it was all over but the shouting on the Brantley sidelines, as the Bulldogs were in complete control with a big 39-0 advantage!

The Rebels' Billy Wayne Nelson

recovered a Bulldog fumble early in the third quarter to stop a potential Brantley score, but the Bulldogs were determined to get back in the endzone, and overcame a major distance penalty and two fumbles to score on a short run by Alan Compton with 2:39 left in the third quarter as the Bulldogs' lead ballooned to 45-0.

Zion Chapel recovered a fumble with 4:32 left in the game and marched into the endzone to avert the shut-out.

Marcus Taylor had two big runs for first downs to spark the Rebels, and scored the touchdown as the final horn sounded on a 2-yard dash. The extra-point was true, and Brantley left with the 45-7 win.

Elba to host Clayton in Homecoming clash Area teams brace for week #8 battles

The high school football season will enter week #8 Friday night, and for the teams in the area, it will be a week at home for three of the five teams, and only short rides across the county for the remaining two.

Here's a look ahead at this week's games:

CLAYTON AT ELBA

Two teams still looking for their first win of the season will tangle in Elba's Tiger Stadium Friday night when the (0-7) Clayton Tigers battle the (0-6) Elba Tigers in a key Class 3A, Area 3 battle. Clayton has been mired in a losing streak for over four years, and will enter the clash after losses this season to G.W. Long 25-0, Louisville 28-18, Seminole County 61-6, Slocomb 52-15, Red Level 42-20, Loachapoka 52-15 and Catholic 31-16. While the visiting Tigers have shown improvement, the losses have continued to mount.

Elba will enter the Area 3 clash with

an 0-6 slate, with its losses coming to Brantley 33-6, Luverne 40-18, Opp 28-6, Geneva County 21-20, Geneva 20-6 and Straughn 6-3. Any team that plays Clayton has to be considered the favorite, and while that will be the case Friday night, both teams will no doubt will looking forward to the battle.

BRANTLEY AT HOME

Two of the top small school football teams in the state will butt heads Friday night when the (6-3) Brantley Bulldogs make the short trip up Highway 331 to battle with the (5-2) Highland Home Flying Squadron. The Bulldogs will enter the game on a two-game winning streak and will bring with them an offense that averages over 32 points a game, and a defense that has allowed less than 8 points an outing.

Highland Home will be at home for the annual battle, and will bring with a 5-2 record that includes wins over

Goshen 48-20, Georgiana 31-7, Sunshine 41-8, Alabama Christian 48-6 and Luverne 18-13, and losses to St. James 30-14 and Lineville 49-18. The Squadron will be a little banged up in the game, but the Bulldogs won't be in the giving mood, and this should be one of the state's top match-ups in week #8.

KINSTON AT N. BROCKTON

The (4-3) New Brockton Gamecocks can put the wraps on the Area 3 title Friday night when they host the (0-7) Kinston Bulldogs, in the annual battle of cross-county rivals. The Gamecocks saw their four game losing streak come to an end last week in a 14-7 overtime loss to Wicksburg, but has been one of the state's top 2A teams all season long in averaging over 20 points per game, while allowing only 12 points per outing. Kinston has taken it on the chin throughout the season, and has allowed over 43 points per

game, while allowing only 4 points per game. This one looks like a mismatch on paper, and could be as bad as the Gamecocks want it to be.

FLORALA AT ZION CHAPEL

The (0-6) Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to pull off the biggest upset of the season regardless of classification Friday night when they host the (7-0) Florala Wildcats, at Jack's Green Memorial Stadium.

The Rebels have averaged over 6 points per game this season while searching for their first win, but have allowed 35 points per game. Florala has been one of the top teams this season in the 1A ranks, and in rolling to a perfect 7-0 record the Wildcats have averaged over 41 points per game, while holding their opponents to under 12 points a game. This one also appears to be a mismatch on paper, and could be ugly for Rebel fans to watch.

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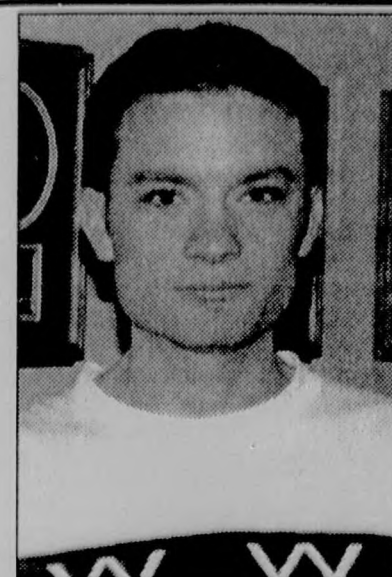
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ESJC area students receive TSUD scholarships

Area students from Enterprise State Junior College have received transfer scholarships to attend Troy State University Dothan. Jack: Debbie L. McCollough has received the Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship. A 1981 graduate of Elba High School and recent graduate of ESJC, she plans to major in business administration - management at TSUD. The scholarship is awarded to undergraduate students who have a minimum Enhanced ACT score of 22 (SAT 860) and an overall college GPA of at least 3.25 (4.0 scale).

Recipients must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 (4.0 scale) to keep the scholarship. From New Brockton: Melissa Jo Dunn has received a Junior College Transfer. A recent graduate of ESJC, she plans to major in elementary education. The scholarship is awarded to current graduates with a GPA of at least 3.5 (4.0 scale) from area two-year colleges.

standing of Phi Theta Kappa. Recipients must maintain at least a 3.5 (4.0 scale) GPA to keep this scholarship. The music program, "Enhancing Learning Through Music," was designed to serve students in K through third grade by allowing them to explore musical concepts while gaining thinking skills. Current research indicates that students who study the arts for four or more years score 59 points higher on the verbal section of the SAT and 44 points higher on the math section than students with no experience in the arts.

Aprons are my thing

by Faye Holliday

I like to wear an apron. And right now my supply is getting a little threadbare. But I cannot find any in the stores that appeal to me; I'd rather make some, as I have a pattern and plenty of material - but that elusive "round tail" keeps escaping me! So I'll wear these until they fall off, I guess. My mother would not wear aprons - she said they choked her. But, my grandmother's apron was like an appendage to her personage. She put it on over her clothes each morning of her life. I can see her movements in my mind's eye: after she was dressed, she would put on the apron, tie it in the back, sit and put on her shoes, comb her hair - and she was ready for the day. And the uses she made of the apron were endless: if a potholder wasn't handy - the apron (folded over) was always nearby; then too it was an available towel for wet hands; on fall days the pocket was a receptacle for pecans, as she walked over the yard; and when she wanted to cook a chicken, she would fill an apron pocket with corn, walk casually toward the barn, and slowly drop the corn, and the unsuspecting

pullet, hen, or whatever - would begin to peck - and - swoop! down went the hand and up came dinner! I'm sure all my grandmother's aprons were home-made, as were most of her clothes. Like our quilts, the aprons often were made from remnants of other garments. My mother was an excellent seamstress, and she was always sewing something for all of us. I spill and drop and make a mess in the kitchen - and if a dish towel or paper towel is not within my reach, well, guess what I wipe my fingers on! I also use my apron to quick-dry wet hands; and if a dollop of cake batter splatters or falls - my catch-all catches it! Remember, in the movies of early pioneer days, when someone came to call, the woman of the house would stop what she was doing, wipe her hands on her apron, and greet her company - it was second nature for her to do so. But, there are people like one of my dear friends. She will don an apron to prepare a meal, but she is so neat and articulate that her apron will not even get dirty! Mine on the other hand need washing every day or so, and look as if I've been working in the mines!

My apron goes with me outside - when I work in the yards and my garden - it's great to wipe sweat off my face and dirt off my hands - or to gather okra, pepper, tomatoes, etc. when I have forgotten a bucket. I do, however, have inside aprons and outside aprons - I don't mix my messes! There are quite a few types of aprons: there are the tiny diagonals, heart-shaped, circular, lacy ones, put on over dress clothes when the wearers are serving at fancy affairs; there are maid's cover-ups, to complete the uniform of the person in domestic service, or those for waiters or waitresses in restaurants; the heavy blacksmith apron (if there are still such people), or metal workers; the broad-pocketed carpenter's apron for his accessories - a place for each item. But my apron has to be a big one - with the bib and strings to go around my neck. Those little decorative add-ons won't do the job for me - I've got to have plenty of coverage. When my granddaughter was a baby and a toddler, and I would visit them, I always wore an apron - and I always had safety pins attached; (well, you never know when you're gonna need one). One day, she said, "Grandma, will you make me an apron - with the pin in it?" I made her an apron, and attached a tiny gold pin in the top. My family sometimes badgers me about my apron. When we are about to make pictures, my daughter will say, "Mother, are you going to wear that apron?" Sometimes I take it off - sometimes I don't. I think - well, that's truly me - apron and all. My husband and I were visiting my son and grandson, whose house is near downtown, and we sometimes walk through the little town. And wouldn't you know it, one day I forgot to take my apron off - one of my bright red ones. Here we were strolling down the street, when I happened to realize I had it on. I quickly jerked it off, and wadded it up in my hands, trying to hide it, hoping no one had noticed. My husband just rolled his eyes. When I told my grandson about it, he said, "Grandma, you didn't!" So, call me old-fashioned, call me silly, call me ill-dressed, call me Bre'r Rabbit and the briar patch. "Please, please, please - DON'T take away my apron!"

Williams Station Day to be held at Amore The annual Williams Station Day will be held at Amore Oct. 24, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free. For additional information contact Shelly at the Amore Area Chamber of Commerce, 334/368-3405. There will be food and children's activities, as well as other events. Tickets are \$1.00 in advance;

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COMMUNITY

Clio to have annual Pork Festival

The Barbour County town of Clio will have the annual Alabama Pork Festival Oct. 30 and 31. The festival will be held at the Ruritan Park near downtown Clio, and will feature recipes, arts and crafts, parade, entertainment, music, and "lots of down-home fun." Events will get underway at noon on Friday, Oct. 30, with the arts and crafts show, with music and food to follow, including a country music jam session at 4 p.m. and more music later. Saturday's events will include the parade, arts and crafts exhibits, more music and entertainment. The pork-cooking contest will get underway at 11 a.m. and eating contests at 11:30. For more information contact James Gachet at 334/997-2290, or Myron Whigham, 334/565-3976.

Music program being offered to elementary students at NBES

New Brockton Elementary School employed its first music instructor in January 1998. This was made possible by a grant awarded by the Alabama State Council on the Arts. The program is being taught by Mrs. Carol Windham. The music program, "Enhancing Learning Through Music," was designed to serve students in K through third grade by allowing them to explore musical concepts while gaining thinking skills. Current research indicates that students who study the arts for four or more years score 59 points higher on the verbal section of the SAT and 44 points higher on the math section than students with no experience in the arts. A grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts funded the

Miss Teenworld pageant registration in progress

Registration for the Alabama Miss Teenworld 1999 official preliminary state pageant is being held throughout the month of October only. The pageant will be held Jan. 2, 1999, in the Montgomery Civic Center, with a theme of "Free, Happy and Illuminating." To qualify as a representative, the teen miss must be age 13 - 18, and have a genuine interest in lifestyle excellence and betterment. Only one representative will be selected from each school and will receive a certificate of title, crown, sash, membership trophy, on-stage costume and remembrance book. Teen misses desiring to represent their school should call 1-800-459-3334 for an application and further information. Applications may also be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Miss Teenworld - Alabama, P.O. Box 415, Patterson, N.Y. 12563.

Mobile home registration fees due this month

The Alabama Dept. of Revenue reminds individuals that manufactured home registration fees and ad valorem taxes on manufactured homes became due Oct. 1. "We want to remind taxpayers that the registration fee is due annually in October and must be paid between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30 each year," said Commissioner H.E. "Gene" Monroe Jr. The manufactured home registration fee applies only to manufactured homes that are rented, leased, or located on land owned by someone other than the owner of the manufactured home. All other manufactured homes are subject to ad valorem or property tax. Payment of either the registration

fee or the ad valorem tax is made at the courthouse in the county where the manufactured home is located. Upon payment of applicable registration fees and a \$5.00 issuance fee, residents will receive purple-and-white decals to display on their manufactured homes. The decals serve as evidence of payment. Owners of manufactured homes which do not have a current manufactured home decal displayed on the home can be cited by the county license inspector for failure to obtain and display the appropriate decal. The registration fee does not apply to those residents who own both the manufactured home and the land on which it is located.

Pike Road Arts & Craft Fair to be held in November

Pike Road Arts & Crafts Fair will be held Nov. 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the historic Marks House in Pike Road, with over 300 exhibitors of arts, crafts, antiques, junk, etc. There will be food and children's activities, as well as other events. Tickets are \$1.00 in advance;

\$2.00 at the gate, and children under 12 free. The Marks House is located 12 miles southeast of Montgomery. For more information call 334/288-3347, or contact Pike Road Civic Club, P.O. Box 640202, Pike Road, AL 36064.

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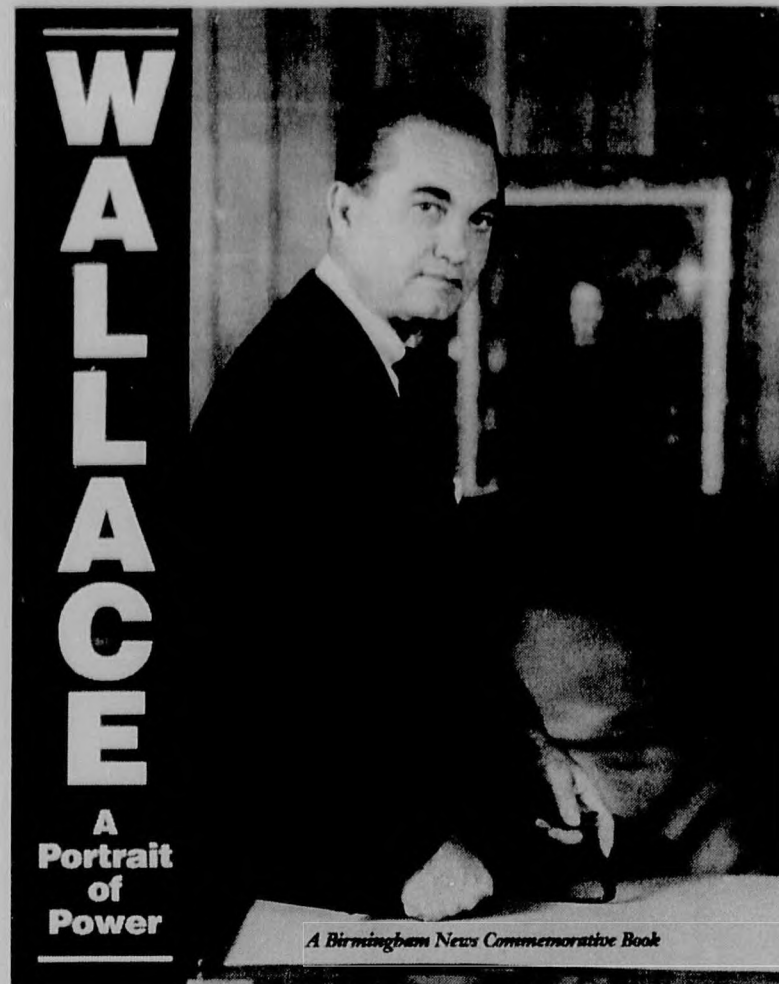
Marine Pfc. Nathan L. Sanders, son of James E. and Joyce E. Sanders of Kinston, recently participated in a large training exercise while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

During "Exercise Matador Live" '98," Sanders' unit trained with U.S. Navy units from the ARG, the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Battle Group and other special naval support elements, including the Navy Seals.

Home based in Camp Lejeune, N.C., Sanders' unit is an expedi-

tionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

The 1993 graduate of Kinston High School joined the Marine Corps in April 1997.



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Hull Scape method tells when to dig / cotton defoliation

Richard L. Petcher
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Alabama peanut growers first began using the hull scrape method in 1982 to determine when to dig. Now, nearly 60 percent of Alabama growers use the method. There are now approximately 30 wet pod blasters available for farmers here in the Wiregrass area.

Correct use of the method can provide an accurate, reliable picture of how the crop is set. From this profile we can project the best harvest date, schedule which fields to harvest first, and determine how production practices such as irrigation have affected the crop.

Digging at the best time is extremely important for achieving maximum yield, grade, dollar return, and consumer quality. It is not unusual for peanuts to gain from 300-500 pounds and 1-2 percent in grade in the 1-1/2-week period before the best harvest date. The following data illustrate the average loss over four years from digging too early or too late:

Time/	lbs.	lost/acre/
2 weeks early -	744	\$20
1 week early -	253	\$80
3-1/2 days early -	127	\$40
Dug at Optimum -	0	0
3-1/2 days late -	250	\$80
1 week late -	500	\$160
2 weeks late -	541	\$173

Remember that dollars lost represent the loss of clear profit, as no other input is required other than digging at the right time.

Keep in mind that the hull scrape method only represents pod maturity - an important factor, but not the only factor to consider for projecting when to dig. Other factors, which may influence the harvest date, are listed below:

- White mold and other soil-borne diseases. Generally we can disregard the effects of white mold unless more than 10 percent of the plants are affected.

- Condition of the vines. Severe leafspot, leaf defoliation, or drought may require digging earlier than projected.

- Weather outlook. If the forecast is for an extended period of inclement weather encompassing the projected harvest dates, it may be best to dig slightly early, as rapid peg deterioration can occur after extended rainfall.

- Length of harvest. If it will take 3 weeks to dig the crop, you obviously will have to start early and go late. Raking the fields will help determine the best order of digging.

HYDROBLASTER SCHEDULE

The Wet Pod Blasters are set up at the Farm Center in New Brockton for area growers to use at their convenience. If you are using the blaster or hull scrape method for the first time, you might want to call ahead or bring your peanut samples in the morning and an agent will help you.

VRUGARD PEANUTS

It is a hard decision as to when to dig Virugard peanuts. Specialists across Alabama, Florida and Georgia say you need to be careful as they are maturing earlier than florrunners. Especially be careful with the hull scrape as the inner hull and the inside color turn black sooner, almost one week ahead of when they are really ready.

WORMS IN PEANUTS

The worms just won't quit this year. The Fall Armyworms (FAW) are still marching in Coffee County. As busy as farmers are now, it is easy to forget about the worms. However, it would be worth your while to keep scouting. The armyworms usually play out by this time and veevaben caterpillars (VBC) start coming in.

Being able to identify which worms you have can save you big bucks. The armyworm has the inverted Y on its head and the VBC does not. Another key is to hold the worm in your hand and lightly touch it. The VBC will tend to jump and wiggle when touched, while the FAW does not. Both these insects can cause a lot of damage. However, the VBC takes only about half the insecticide rate to kill it as the FAW. The VBC's may do their most destructive damage after the peanuts are inverted.

CANOLA

Some weeks ago Calgene did have a contract for the High Lurata Canola which is the high priced Canola. They will possibly have a contract for the conventional Canola which is going from \$5.00 to \$5.50 on the Canadian market, which would mean \$4.00 to \$4.50 here. Contracts are probably out by now.

This lower priced contract will greatly reduce the interest of our growers to plant Canola this year. However, if you are interested in Canola it may be worth your trying a few acres to get a feel for this crop. It does not look like there will be much money in Canola this year.

COTTON DEFOLIATION

The top two questions in Coffee County farming have been: "When do I dig my peanuts?" and "When

do I defoliate my cotton?" Sometimes the answer is obvious. Sometimes it is not, and it takes careful consideration as to when to do either.

If you need to harvest peanuts and cotton at the same time, what do you do? Most farmers and experts say harvest your peanuts and hire someone to custom-defoliate and pick your cotton.

Research shows that cotton will lose one percent of its weight per day it is left in the field. This loss is due to sunlight and normal weather; that is not including hurricanes or other catastrophes.

Most experts across the cotton belt say it is a \$9 loss per day. On one bale of cotton, it would probably relate to a \$4-50 loss per day. After your cotton is ready to defoliate and you don't, and you wait 10 days, that is a \$45 loss, or a three-week wait would be a \$90 loss. That would more than cover the cost of harvest and defoliation. Timeliness of both peanut and cotton harvest is critical. Do I use ground equipment or aerial to apply my defoliants? Thorough coverage and penetration is a real key. Aerial works well in big fields; however, around pecan trees, etc., you would want to use ground equipment if possible.

The decision as to when to harvest your cotton is based upon the maturity and condition of the crop, weather conditions and availability of time and equipment.

Choosing the time to defoliate is part art and part science. Cotton sets fruit much like a peanut: the fruit set first on lower limbs and closer to the stalk is your money crop, much like your top root crop on peanuts. You do not want to wait on the top fruit at the sacrifice of losing the lower fruit.

The 60 percent open boll is a rule of thumb that many people use to time their defoliation. This usually works if you do not have gaps in your fruit set or have over 12 fruiting branches.

The second method is the slice method. You need a very sharp knife and extra caution on your thumb. In the field examine the bolls you intend to harvest. Those bolls are mature enough if they are hard to squeeze and difficult to slice in cross sections with a sharp knife. If mature, the cotton fibers should string out when cut and the seed coats be light brown in color.

The third method and I think by far the best is called "nodes above cracked boll (NACB)". Search the plant for the uppermost cracked boll (already cracked) on the first fruiting site. Boll located 4 to 5 nodes above this point are generally considered mature. Select the top boll you want to harvest and time your defoliation when the first position boll cracks 4 nodes below it. Coffee County's cotton, for the most part, sets one continuous crop. The bolls set start on nodes 5 to 9 and set fruit up the plant. Some fields do have fruiting gaps but not many. The fact that the crop has few gaps will make the decision easier as to when to defoliate. Growers should get the highest quality and quantity of cotton possible.

Careful studying of your defoliants and how they work and when, and the rates to use, will really pay off. We always need to look for bargains and consider costs, but when it comes to defoliants we really need to look at what works the best. Increased yields and grade at the gin will more than pay for a defoliation job well done.

Bayer - Def 6 EC (tribufos)
Rhône Poulenc - Folex 6 EC (tribufos)
Agrevo - Dropp 50 WP (thidiazuron)
Agrevo - Dropp Ultra 75 WP (thidiazuron and diuron)
Agrevo - Ginstar 1.5 EC (thidiazuron and diuron)
Uniroyal - Harvade 5 F (dime-thipin)
Rhône Poulenc - Prep 5 (ethephon)
Terra - Boll'd 5 (ethephon)
Griffin - Super Boll 6 (ethephon)
Rhône Poulenc - Finish 4 EC (ethephon and cyclanilide)
Griffin - Cotton quick (ethephon and A tetraoxosulfate)
Griffin - Sodium Chlorate
Zeneca - Starfire 1.5 (Paraquat)
Dixie Ag - Quick Pick 3.1 (cydialic acid)
Dixie Ag - Accelerate 0.52 (endothall)
Monsanto - Round Up 4 (glyphosate)

Area News

Everett seeking re-election to seat in U. S. Congress

Congressman Terry Everett, R-Alabama, has officially announced that he will seek a fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Everett, who represents Alabama's 2nd Congressional District, was first elected to Congress in 1992. He was re-elected in 1994 and 1996 to the House seat vacated by Bill Dickinson in 1992, and serves on the National Security Committee, the House Agriculture Committee and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

He is a leader in the Agriculture Committee for Alabama and Southern farmers.

"I look forward to serving in the next Congress as we continue our goals and improve the quality of life of our citizens while promoting individual choice and more efficient government," Everett said.

City of Enterprise announces plans for Christmas parade

The Enterprise Christmas Parade will be held Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. in downtown Enterprise.

Applications for entries are available at the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, 553 Glover Ave., 347-0581. Businesses, clubs, organizations, churches, etc., are invited to participate.

Commercial entries are \$10.00; non-profit entries are free.

Deadline to enter is Dec. 1.

Pike Road crafts to be displayed on November 7

Pike Road Arts & Crafts Fair will be held November 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the historic Marks House in Pike Road, with over 300 exhibitors of arts, crafts, antiques, junk, etc.

There will be food and children's activities, as well as other events.

Tickets are \$1.00 in advance; \$2.00 at the gate, and children under 12 free.

The Marks House is located 12 miles southeast of Montgomery.

For more information call 334/288-3347, or contact Pike Road Civic Club, P.O. Box 640202, Pike Road, AL 36064.

Open House held Sunday afternoon at new facilities of downtown beauty salon



RIBBON CUTTING ceremonies were held Sunday afternoon at the beautiful new facilities of Denise's hair & Nail Salon, the business is located in a remodeled house at 114 N. Claxton St. across from the Elba United Methodist Church. Elba Mayor James Grimes cut the ribbon as a host of beauty queens, family, co-workers and well wishers looked on.



MANING THE RECEPTION DESK during the open house activities was Elizabeth Stephens. She is shown making notes and answering questions from beauty queens and other visitors who have seen something in the shop which interest them.

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Thereafter, McAiley ordered the elderly lady to sell her home in Ozark, Alabama, at a \$30,000.00 loss.

On April 26, 1996, McAiley and Eva McGrath (former chief juvenile probation officer who was originally appointed to her job by McAiley) drove through the night to Mississippi to get a deed signed by the elderly lady. Out of the remaining sale proceeds, McGrath was paid a \$7,200.00 "fee."

Today, the elderly lady is being deprived of the use of \$4,469.50 of her money while it is being held "in trust" waiting on a ruling from McAiley.

Case #CV-95-M-117
(Court records may be viewed by members of the public)

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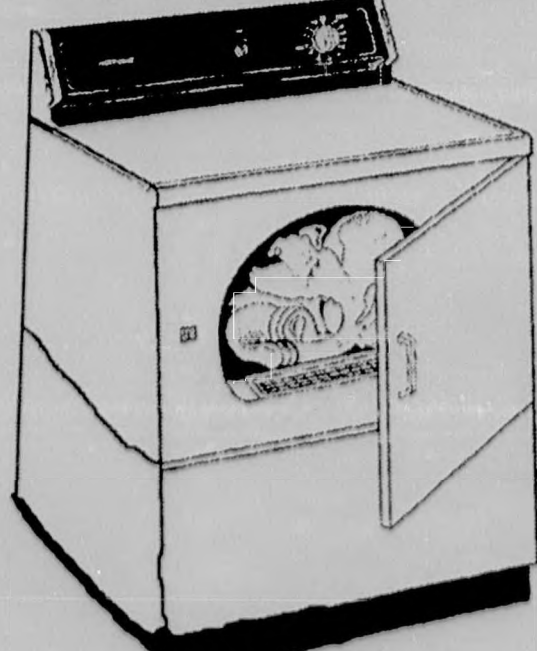
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claims from county residents have been filed with them.

"The best figure (dollar amount) we have countywide right now on damage to public roads, buildings, drainage systems, bridges, etc., is about \$400,000.00," said Webb.

"We think that we are still digging we'll find a little bit more because some of the sewage systems in Elba have dropped 2 or 3 feet in the middle of the road."

Webb also gave the commission some good news. The county has received a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to be used in installing warning and communications equipment. The monies will be used to install sirens in Elba and Enterprise to be used to alert residents of emergencies such as levee breaks and/or tornado warnings.

Since the grant is being administered through the county, the commission gave Commission

Chairman Robert Stephens the authority to sign the necessary agreements. Elba and Enterprise will each be responsible for the matching funds necessary in obtaining the grant funds.

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Flu shots are now available at county health department

by Debra Griffin

Ala. Dept. of Public Health. People with diabetes are about three times more likely to die with influenza and pneumonia than those without diabetes, yet more than half of people with diabetes did not get a flu shot in a recent year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ala. Dept. of Public Health encourage people with diabetes to get a flu shot this season, generally November through March.

"People with diabetes may be unaware that the disease can make their immune system more vulnerable to severe cases or even death from the flu," said Dr. Frank Vinicor, director of the Division of Diabetes Translation at CDC. "A flu shot is an easy, safe preventive measure that people with diabetes should take to protect themselves from the risks associated with the flu."

"Flu shots do not contain a live virus so they cannot cause the flu," the Ala. Dept. of Public Health said in a program development and evaluation. Adult Vaccine Preventable Diseases Branch of the CDC's National Immunization Program.

"Getting a flu shot is essential for people with diabetes. For other people, such as family members of people

with diabetes, the shot not only protects them from the flu, it can help them avoid passing it along to their loved ones. A flu shot is a good idea for everyone, but people should be sure to check with their doctor before getting it or any other vaccination."

CDC also recommends that people with diabetes receive a pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine to protect against the most common form of pneumonia. Annually, 10,000 to 30,000 people with diabetes die from complications resulting from flu and pneumonia.

Nationwide, approximately 16 million people have diabetes, but a third of them have not been diagnosed. New federally endorsed guidelines recommend for the first time that all adults be tested for diabetes by age 45.

"These new guidelines will help us begin to diagnose many of the 5.4 million people who are unaware that they have diabetes," said Dr. Vinicor.

The Ala. County Health Dept. will have flu vaccine available Oct. 23 and Oct. 30, 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m. Those desiring the flu shot should bring Medicare cards. Cost will be \$5.00 for persons without Medicare.

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ENTERPRISE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE 1998-99 cheerleaders attended camp at The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) this past summer. They received "superior" evaluation ratings throughout the week, then competed in three categories: cheer, sideline, and light show, where they placed third in sideline and second in light show. Pictured (front row, l-r): Jill Justice, co-captain, Hartford; Michael McCreaney, co-captain, and Nikki Ellis, captain, Enterprise; (second row, l-r): Callie Bryan, Enterprise; Shera Parker, Hartford; Martice Howell and Rebekah Riley, Enterprise; (third row, l-r): Joey Pitts, Enterprise; Heath Hughes, New Brockton; Bryan Lunsford, Jeff Edgington, and Michael Stack, all of Enterprise.

STOP! SHOP THE CLASSIFIED ADS

Addition food stamps available for food lost in Hurricane Georges

Coffee County food stamp recipients who lost food due to flooding, power failures, or other problems caused by Hurricane Georges may apply for replacement food stamp benefits.

Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources (DHR) Supervisor Debbie Jones said that to apply, recipients must go to the DHR office at 3881 Salem Rd., Enterprise, no later than Oct. 16. Applicants must fill out an affidavit regarding their losses and provide proof of loss.

(1) The framers of the United States Constitution, recognizing free exercise of religion as an unalienable right, secured its protection in the First Amendment to the Constitution, and the framers of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, also recognizing this right, secured the protection of religious freedom in Article I, Section 3.

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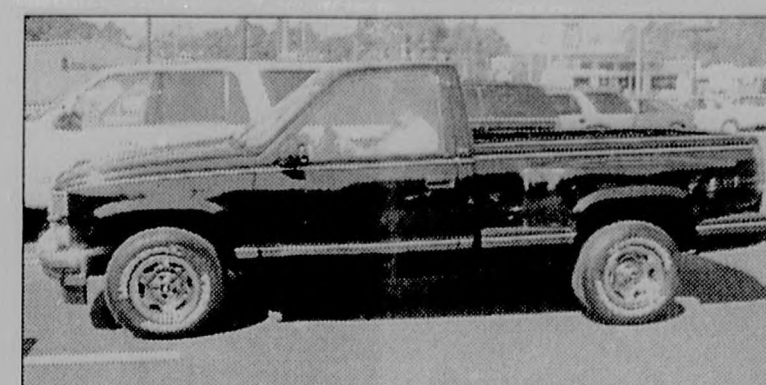
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Round-up nets 13 drug arrests

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

During the early hours of last Friday morning, area law enforcement officers arrested 13 individuals on drug-related charges.

More than thirty officers participated in the arrests and execution of indictments handed down by a September 18 session of the grand jury.

According to District Attorney Mark Fuller, the delay in executing the indictments was "to keep the

word from spreading in the street and having people leave before they could be arrested."

The following individuals, all from Enterprise, were arrested and placed in the Coffee County Jail. Their names, ages and charges are as follows: Stanley Barnes, 33, distribution of cocaine; Dorian Bell, 18, distribution of cocaine; Levester Bourne, 22, possession of cocaine and marijuana second degree; Stephanie Davis, 28, two counts of distribution; Tyrone Lane, 20, three counts of distribution of cocaine;

Jocklyn Manley, 31, two counts of distribution of cocaine; Alicia Moore, 24, possession of marijuana first degree; Antonio Pearson, 19, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia; Gerald Pouncey, 25, two counts of distribution of cocaine; Brenda Scott, 41, distribution of cocaine; Lonnie Silar, 47, distribution of cocaine; Johnierio Townsend, 23, distribution of cocaine; and Omar Williams, 24, possession of marijuana first degree.

In addition to the above, one juvenile was arrested on charges of distribution of cocaine.

"These arrests are part of a statement we are making to the community that we are serious about eradicating the drug problems we have," said District Attorney Fuller. "This is certainly not going to eliminate the problem, but I'm hopeful this will deter others from becoming involved in drugs."

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates added, "We are hopeful that county residents will realize that law enforcement officers are working to solve the drug problem in Coffee County, and that their tax dollars are being spent wisely in doing so."

Law enforcement agencies participating in the "round-up" were the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force, Enterprise Police Department, Alabama Bureau of Investigation, and the Southeast Alabama Drug Task Force.



RED RIBBON WEEK. Elba Mayor James E. Grimes has proclaimed October 23 through October 31, 1998 as Red Ribbon Week. Alcohol and other drug use has reached epidemic stages among the youth. In his proclamation, Mayor Grimes states "It is imperative that visible, unified prevention efforts by community members be launched to reduce the demand for drugs. The mayor is calling on business, government, law enforcement, media, military, physicians, religious institutions, schools, service organizations, senior citizens, and other individuals to demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free life styles by contributing to or participating in some type of anti-drug program or activity. Supporters are being asked to wear and display red ribbons representing non-use of drugs during Red Ribbon Week. Participants in the signing ceremony were: seated (l-r) Elba D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair and Mayor James E. Grimes; standing - Elba Elementary School Principal Mickey McCollough and Elba Police Chief R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Any resident of Coffee County who is eligible to vote and has not registered, must do so before the Oct. 23 deadline. The Coffee County Board of Registrars will take registration forms until the close of business on that day.

Under Alabama state law, voter registration must be cut off 10 days prior to an election. Voters may register at the Elba courthouse, the Enterprise courthouse (the old post office), the Enterprise Public Library or the Board of Registrars' office in New Brockton.

If a registered voter has been placed on the inactive list, he/she needs to update his/her registration before the cut-off date. Because of a new state law passed in 1997, inactive voters cannot vote at the polls on election day until they fill out an update form.

Anyone having questions may call the Board of Registrars at 894-5347.

ALL SHORTAGES PAID BY JUDGE & 3 JPO'S

State audit reveals \$2,800.00 shortage in Juvenile Fund

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Alabama Examiners of Public Accounts has completed its audit of Coffee County's Juvenile Probation Fund. The audit showed just over \$2,800.00 to be missing from the account.

District Judge Steven Blair had requested the audit of juvenile funds and had filed a formal complaint with the District Attorney's office relating to irregularities in the juvenile account.

The examiners' report revealed that three juvenile officers and district judge had undocumented spending of \$2,849.00. The audit also showed that the three juvenile officers and judge have paid the charges.

A state law passed in 1996 created the juvenile probation fund which held the funds generated by a \$3 fee on all juvenile cases filed in the district and circuit courts of Coffee

County. The funds generated by this account were to be used to run the juvenile probation office.

The responsibility of disbursing the funds and record-keeping of the account is that of the chief probation officer. It is the responsibility of the district judge to authorize the expenditures and signing of checks.

It was the findings of the state auditors that no formal accounting procedure was in place nor was monthly bank records of the account being kept by the chief probation officer. There were no receipts for collections made for the fund prior to October 7, 1997, and between May through October "Sufficient controls were not in place relating to the disbursement," the audit report states.

"The district judge generally signed the checks; however, in some instances, a signature stamp was used on the checks without the approval of the judge."

The time frame of the audit was January 1995 through July 1998.

During the audit, a shortage of \$1,660 was found. A total of \$6,595 in fees had been received while the bank deposits totaled \$4,935 leaving a shortage of \$1,660.

Documentation of \$89.04 of purchases left a shortage of \$1,570.96.

In the audit, Judge Blair was charged with \$320.74 for purchase of unallowable items for the office. Also found by examiners was the fact (during the examination period) that no official policy was in place concerning travel by juvenile probation officers.

Chief Probation Officer (at the time) Eva McGrath was charged with \$456.59 for excessive reimbursements of travel and personal expenses paid from the juvenile probation fund.

A former JPO, Janice Neville

GTE urges hunters to be careful of lines & cables

Area hunters are being urged by GTE to be careful of overhead cable and poles. Stray shots that hit telephone equipment result in loss of telephone service to GTE's customers.

"Not only are damaged cables inconvenient to our customers, they disrupt telephone service to police, fire and other emergency services," said Rex Shiver, area manager for GTE in Alabama. "Gunfire damage to cable is also extremely costly to the company due to the equipment replacement costs and the time required to complete the work."

Shiver added that there could be significant fines charged for disruption of communications. "And from a safety standpoint, experienced hunters pay attention to what lies beyond their targets and how far shells carry," Shiver said. "It's a basic safety rule in hunting which helps keep all of us safe."

GTE asks that hunters use caution with firearms and never shoot toward utility cables and lines. Anyone sighting damage to telephone equipment should notify

Love, was charged with \$108.46 for a check cashed and unaccounted for, and \$362.25 in undocumented travel pay.

JPO Gary Watson was charged with \$30 in undocumented travel pay.

Since the discrepancies were found, Judge Blair has named Watson to replace McGrath as chief probation officer and also, the judge has instituted accounting procedures to ensure that this does not happen again.

The matter remains under investigation by the district attorney and his findings, as well as the audit report, will be presented to the next grand jury empaneled in the Enterprise Division of Coffee County. All of the record-keeping for the juvenile probation office was done in the Enterprise office.

News Brief

A late afternoon wreck, Friday, October 16, in Jefferson County, took the life of one Coffee County lady and seriously injured another. Janet Rose Hurd, 62, of Route 1 Jack, AL died as a result of injuries sustained in a two-vehicle collision near Birmingham, AL. Earlene Damsby, a passenger in the Chevrolet van, being driven by Mrs. Hurd, was admitted to University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital where she remains in guarded condition.

According to unconfirmed reports Mrs. Hurd was traveling north on Interstate 65 when she collided with an eighteen wheeler also traveling north on I-65.

Both Mrs. Hurd and Mrs. Damsby were airlifted from the scene of the crash to UAB by a Medivac helicopter. Mrs. Hurd was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital.

See page 3 for obituary information.

Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL. Area high school football games scheduled for Friday are as follows: Elba is at home against Andalusia; New Brockton is host to Geneva County; Brantley travels to St. James; and Kinston plays host to cross-county rival Zion Chapel. All games, unless otherwise noted, start at 7:30 p.m.

FLU VACCINATION. The Coffee County Health Department will have flu vaccine available on October 23 through 30. Hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Medicare cards should be brought for presentation. For individuals not on Medicare, the cost will be \$5.00.

VOTING MACHINES' TEST. A public test of the voting machines will be conducted on Tuesday, October 27, 1998, at the Farm Center building at the Coffee County Complex in New Brockton. The tests will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude when the selected machine tests have been completed.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL. Plans are now underway for Elba's annual Christmas Festival to be held on the square in downtown Elba. The date is Saturday, November 28, 1998. Watch for additional announcements and information concerning the festival in *The Elba Clipper*.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT



LION RONNIE YOUNG was in charge of the Lions Club program for Sept. 22. A representative from Camp Seale Harris, Chairman Lion James Stallings from Auburn, spoke on the camp. Camp Seale Harris is for diabetic children and their families. Pictured are (l-r): Elba Lion Gene Eastburn, Lion Stallings with check from the Elba Club for the camp, and Lion Ronnie Young.